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Chapter 67: The store has opened

The day after I came back to Earls Hyde Kingdom, I went to the building where my store was supposed to open.

It's a five-story building, and it's gigantic.

The construction of the exterior and interior is finished, so now we're stocking the goods.

The most common item we have for sale is the toilet, with the second being refrigerators.

There is also a display toilet installed in the store for the sole purpose of having people try out how it feels.

Additionally, although it is not finished yet, I'm developing a vacuum cleaner by applying wind magic into the appliance.

The sucking in works fine. The real problem came after; the vacuum couldn't properly separate the garbage, and is going through development via trial and error with my father-in-law.

Once that's done, since there has never been a magic tool for cleaning until now, I can monopolize the market and gain the support of the housewives of this world; it's the most anticipated product among the other prototypes in the workshop.

I'd like to develop a washing machine, but the process of washing, rinsing, and drying just seems too complex, and I still haven't thought it through yet.

Am I becoming a... home electronics manufacturer?

Inside the shop, there are special counters set up for people with permits to purchase communication equipment, in addition to checkout counters for normal denizens.

By the way, the Vibrating Sword is not on display.

Mr. Royce and Mr. Glenn, Sicily's older brother and Alice's father, begged me to stop selling the Vibrating Sword until I made proper arrangements with every

other store in the area before opening for business.

Because the sharpness of the Vibrating Sword greatly exceeds that of any other sword, if someone were to spread the idea that you can make a vibrating sword through enchanting and mass production, sales would become possible, and the possibility of overstocking the market would become exponentially more likely.

If anything, I'm worried about blacksmithing becoming obsolete... That seems to be a feasible possibility.

I can understand that reasoning, and I don't particularly care because I don't want to use a method that renders smithing obsolete.

Instead, the Exchange Sword, which has become the part of the military's standard equipment, has permission to be sold.

Veteran hunters may not need it, but the blades of the exchange swords will be in high demand for newer hunters.

It seems veteran hunters won't buy the Exchange Swords, for they insist on buying swords forged by named smiths, and shys away from mass produced swords and enchantments.

As for the jet boots... They seem to be sold with a limit imposed on them.

The Beach volleyball we played at Rittenheim will be held in Earls Hyde Kingdom's capital.

A family member and an escort who had been around at the time began playing it with his friends after returning to the kingdom.

However, the "Magical Volleyball" that we were playing is hardly done, as it requires the use of chantless magic. Well, even if you can't use magic, the so-called normal "volleyball" can still be played as a sport for leisure.

When volleyball becomes popular, the jumping power of the jet boots will be in high demand.

Volleyball with jet boots to make a three-dimensional combination... Should I call it "Airball"? I really want to see it in practice.

It may not be possible for now, but when peace returns to the world, will we

have a team for each city and country? A league with home and away games, with a world cup every few years? I think it would be a great form of entertainment.

Incidentally, while it's not a magic tool, the new balls for sports are also on display.

We changed the demonized rabbit skin, which was used before, to the leather of a demonized frog.

While I was pondering my company's future, I noticed a person approaching me.

It was Alice's father, Mr. Glenn, who took office as the representative director of "Walford Company".

"Hey, Shin! How about it, isn't it wonderful?" (Glenn)

"Hello, Glenn. I was pretty surprised. It's nicer than I expected." (Shin)

"Huff, it's because it's a business founded by the renowned "Magic King Shin Walford"! We couldn't do a shoddy job!" (Glenn)

"Anyway... Walford Company... We couldn't name it something else?" (Shin)

"By 'something else,' do you mean 'Shin Company'?" (Glenn)

"Anything but that!" (Shin)

"Well, that's because it's common for businesses to bear the founder's family name. Isn't the Hague Company like that? Originally, it was the small "The Hague Store" which was developed by the current representative director, Tom's father." (Glenn)

"Is that so?" (Shin)

Ah, I see, when deciding the name of a company in this world, they just use their family name. It's apparently common sense, and it seems that the company may not even be recognized as a business in the first place if it's given a strange name.

It's embarrassing though...

By the way, I seem to be "Chairman of the Board and Chief Development

Officer”.

Mr. Glenn is the representative and Mr. Royce seems to be executive director.

Additionally, it seems Mr. Royce and Mr. Glenn scouted trustworthy people for the positions of accounting manager, sales manager, PR manager, general affairs manager, and legal affairs manager. It seems that everyone readily accepted. I’m very grateful.

Well, even if you say director, there are no subordinates other than the general affairs department and the sales manager, since the company has not yet been established. The sales department also manages store clerks, so the store clerks are the sales department manager’s subordinates.

By the way, we are asking the Bean smithy to produce the goods, but managing that seems to be left up to the general affairs department. Apparently, a person was hired to handle production orders, purchase orders and delivery orders.

The Bean smithy expanded their workshop because of the sheer quantity of incoming orders.

The new workshop will be used for enchanting.

They will be utilize the “Circuit” enchantment used by the wireless communication devices to be able to enchant more characters than ever before. As a result, anyone from the workshop will be able to enchant without skipping on characters like I do with kanji.

By the way, this “Circuit” seems to have gotten a patent.

It will certainly be imitated in the future, so Mr. Royce obtained a patent for it. I didn’t know there was a patent system... It seems that the Exchange Sword has already gotten a patent.

To be honest, when I think that I would have to enchant all the goods... It makes me shiver. Good thing I developed the “Circuit”.

By developing this “Circuit”, we have laid the grounds for mass production, and it will play a major role in expanding the store.

To that end, the company purchased a five story building, and the store is on

the first and second floor. It seems that the Ultimate Magician’s headquarters will be on the third and fourth floors.

The fifth floor? That would be...

“It will be the future stronghold of the Ultimate Magicians. It will contain everyone’s fighting spirit!”(August)

That’s the reason.

In the future, I will have an office in this base with a staff member from each country receiving requests and assigning work to each of the Ultimate Magicians.

It looks like the management itself will be decided during the next ministerial conference.

“Since most of the goods were already carried in, I was thinking of opening the store tomorrow or the day after.”(Shin)

“Well, how about opening it at noon, and making the day after tomorrow a promotion period?”(Glenn)

“Alright, I understand! It’s decided!”(Shin)

After I said that, Mr. Glenn went away into the store.

The clerks are training inside, so he probably went to tell them about the promotion tomorrow.

Since it’s scheduled, I guess I’ll have to go to Yuri’s inn and tell Naval about the opening date.

“Hello.”(Shin)

“Welcome... Oh! Walford, what’s up?”(Lind)

When I entered Yuri ‘s parents’ inn, Yuri’ s father — Mr. Lind — was standing behind the counter.

“Is the Els delegation here?”(Shin)

“Oh, they told my family that they would like to go buy souvenirs from Earlshyde, so they went out just now. It seems they had gotten permission to

buy a communication machine yesterday, so I guess they were bored.”(Lind)

“Well, if that’s the case, can I leave a message?”(Shin)

“Sure, do you mind if I hear it?”(Lind)

“Yes. It concerns Mr. Lind too.”(Shin)

“If you say it has something to do with me... Then... could it be!?”(Lind)

“Yes. I will open the Walford Company at noon the day after tomorrow.”(Shin)

“Okay! Finally! I can install your products in our inn!”(Lind)

Mr. Lind looks delighted.

“Since Yuri was unusually excited talking about it, I was wondering what kind of thing it really is.”(Lind)

“Is that so? I installed a toilet in the shops so you can try it out before buying it.”(Shin)

“Okay, then, I guess.”(Lind)

“Well then, please relay the message.”(Shin)

“Okay. I’ll come to the store the day after tomorrow.”(Lind)

Well, I gave the message to Naval and Yuri’s family, so I suppose I should return home.

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Two days later, the opening day of the Walford Company has finally arrived.
By the way, because I have school, I can’t go to the opening.

Because of Grandma, I’m leaving the money making to others and the students are going to the students’ headquarters so all of the operations in the business are tossed to Mr. Glenn and Mr. Royce.

“Well, what about the people of the company?”(Shin)

“My father said that he will go shopping as soon as it opens.”(Yuri)

“Huehuehue, because my father is a representative of the company, I get a

members discount and a pre-order!”(Alice)

“Huh? Really?”(Shin)

“The life with a toilet at home... I can’t hold my excitement in anymore!”(Yuri)

Come to think of it, we let the employees pre-order the items.

Mr. Glenn said that it was quite popular amongst the employees.

While we were talking like that, we reach the area where the company is located...

“... Hey, isn’t there a lot of people around here?”(Thor)

“No... It’s the business area, so a huge crowd isn’t that unusual, but...”(Shin)

“...Not to this extent.”(Alice)

When I came the day before yesterday, I thought that there wasn’t much traffic here... but... No...

I headed towards the company while holding in such thoughts.

“Is this a line?”(August)

“It looks like it. Perhaps?”(Alice)

“Ah! So it is after all!”(Shin)

The end of the queue ended in the “Walford Company.”

“Ah! Shin! Look! Look at that great success!”(Royce)

“It’s slightly unexpected... Doesn’t Mr. Royce have a shortage of staff?”(Shin)

“Hahaha, the inside of the store is amazing. The clerks can’t even leave the store.”(Royce)

“Is that so... Ah, have the Els people already been here?”(Shin)

“Oh, they...”(Royce)

“Ah! Mr. Magic King! Hey, what is this!?”(Naval)

Speaking of the devil, Naval called out to us.

Although it opened at noon, you’re still here?

“Hello, Naval. I thought you’d already go back by now.”(Shin)

“I can’t go back after seeing this! This toilet is such an amazing product!”(Naval)

“Yes.”(Shin)

“Did you develop this toilet?”(Naval)

“Yeah, I made it for my house, but it got quite the reputation. As a result, I figured I’d try selling it...”(Shin)

“This is amazing! Toilet revolution!”(Naval)

Is this something to be that excited about? I’m getting unreasonably tense.

“Then I’d like to consult something with you... Can my company wholesale the toilet?”(Naval)

“Oh! Naval! Trying to steal a march again!”(Els merchant)

“Please, include me in it!”(Els merchant)

“First come first serve!”(Els merchant)

A fight between the Els delegation broke out again. Indeed, they’ll jump on things that will likely sell.

“Sure, it’s what I developed, but... I’m not involved in selling, wholesale and management of the goods themselves. So if you want to negotiate, talk to the representative director, Mr. Glenn, or the executive director, Mr. Royce...”(Shin)

“May I trouble you a little, Mr.Royce!? I don’t care about the price. Could you please wholesale it to me!”(Els merchant)

“Please hear my request!”(Els merchant)

“Mine too!”(Els merchant)

“Wait a moment, please! I cannot decide on such large deals in this place! I will listen to the representative’s proposals after the end of business hours so please calm down!”(Royce)

“At what time is the end of the business hours?”(Els merchant)

“It’s at six o’clock in the afternoon.”(Royce)

“There are still three hours to go!”(Els merchant)

“Yes, please wait until then.”(Royce)

It seems that the negotiations between Naval and Mr. Royce is going to be held very soon.

He’s been swamped since day one. I wonder if I just pushed a hefty responsibility onto him...

“I’m sorry, Mr. Royce, I’m making you go through something difficult....”(Shin)

“What are you saying? I’ve never been so fulfilled in my life! I can’t help but have fun!”(Royce)

Is that true? As far as I can see, it looks pretty busy... And there are even talks with the Els delegation after the store closes done.

Will he be able to go home today?

“This is the first time I have seen elder brother with such a refreshed expression...”(Sicily)

...Has he been considerably oppressed until now? If Sicily is saying that, he probably is enjoying working considerably.

Mr. Royce has to meet with not only the Els delegation, but he has to handle the messengers from other neighboring countries with permits to purchase additional communication equipment at the counter.

Well, it’s only a matter of doing a few tests before starting general sale without a permit.

As the first dispatch of the communication equipments was for emergency contact between the countries, it seems that testing and selling to each state is easy, if the identity of the purchaser is confirmed.

Selling to general public is still quite far away. I have to make an exchange office if I want to sell it to the masses. However, I have not decided what kind of form it will have. Should I have an employee manage the exchange office or a magic tool?

Because significant infrastructure development is necessary, Uncle Dis said it

would become a national project for each country.

The plan is to first test it within Earls Hyde and then spread it around the world.

Sigh, my workload increased yet again...

While I was pondering the future prospects of the communication equipment, a sales clerk ran out from the store with a pale expression.

“Executive director! It’s serious! The toilets with the cleaning function have gone out of stock!”(Clerk)

“Wha-what!?”(Royce)

It can’t be sold out already!

“Customers! We are very sorry! We’ve just now run out of stock for the toilet with the washing function! It is truly disappointing, but today’s delivery cannot be done!”(Royce)

“Really!? No way!”(Customer)

“I heard about its reputation at Carlton Inn and came to buy it!”(Customer)

“I came from Ishigametei. How can such an amazing thing be sold but can’t be bought!”(Customer) (TN: Ishigametei is Olivia’s family business.)

“Indeed, I am very sorry! The customers who line up here will be able to arrange reservations for the toilet. The customers that don’t mind the wait can stay!”(Royce)

In the end, even when out of stock, those who heard that they can get priority by making a reservation made a line to preorder.

“Haa... That was unexpected...”(Shin)

“Really? I thought I could sell this much if the reputation of that toilet spread.”(Royce)

“So soon?”(Shin)

“It was introduced by Carlton’s inn and Ishigametei, two very famous shops in Earls Hyde kingdom, so of course the word would spread.”(Royce)

Opening at noon and now this in the evening... It will place a great burden on the Bean smithy again.

“This will bring my dad great joy.”(Mark)

“Really? It won’t be hard for him?”(Shin)

“Because a huge order came in, the profits will naturally be huge as well. Walford, you really don’t think like a merchant.”(Mark)

“Oh, I know that! My dad is your representative, isn’t he? Shin is really versatile!”(Alice)

I was worshipped by Mark and Alice. Aw, quit it.

Anyway, there is this much hype just for the toilet? What will happen when the vacuum cleaner or the washing machine is complete?

I wonder if it’s possible to make a queue of wives?

Or... Will the husbands be the one buying? Because many houses have strong wives...

“What!? Isn’t this an amazing line!?”(Sieg)

“That’s true. What happened?”(Rupert)

“Oh, Shin! Hey!”(Chris)

The three people that came to my store were Magic Division commander Mr. Orgland, Chris, and Sieg.

By the way, Mr. Orgland was pressured to buy it after Uncle Dis raved about it, and Sieg and Chris used the toilet at our place. I guess they came over after work today to buy it...

“I said it was sold out a little while ago.”(Royce)

“What!? No good!?”(Sieg)

“That... such... was I too late?”(Chris)

Sieg and Chris are despairing on their knees. Orgland seems disappointed but not depressed.

“You guys... Aren’t you exaggerating about the toilet? It’s not a limited

quantity sale, so you can still buy when it next comes out.”(Rupert)

“It’s because the commander has never used that toilet that he can say such things!”(Sieg)

“Once you use it, you cannot break free... I was looking forward to having it installed in my home since yesterday...”(Chris)

“That much?”(Rupert)

Sieg speaks out passionately, while Chris is deeply depressed. Mr.Orgland somewhat pulls back his statement.

Even so, I feel sorry for both of them.

“Sieg, Chris, hey.”(Shin)

“What?”(Sieg)

“What is it?”(Chris)

“This.”(Shin)

I take out a toilet with the cleaning function from the Different Dimension Storage so that no one else can see it.

“Ah! you, this!”(Sieg)

“This is my spare. I’ll give it to Sieg and Chris.”(Shin)

Sieg makes a happy face the instant I say those words.

“It’s truly regrettable for me to be receiving charity from my little brother! I have to endure it as the big brother here... but...”(Sieg)

He’s fighting with his pride.

“Thank you. As expected of Shin. You made your sister happy. But it’s no good having it handed to me. I will pay the proper price for it.”(Chris)

“You! Have you no shame or pride!?”(Sieg)

“How could I refuse a gift that my cute little brother prepared for his older sister? What’s wrong with receiving such goodwill gratefully? Are you stupid?”(Chris)

“What? Oi.”(Sieg)

“What is it? Haah?”(Chris)

They’ve started again. Let’s leave them alone.

“Mr. Orgland, please take one too.”(Shin)

“Hey... Is it really ok? You have a crowd of people lining up over there.”(Rupert)

“Well, consider it a privilege of being acquainted with the developer.”(Shin)

“Is that so? Then I won’t refuse your generosity.”(Rupert)

“Wait a minute! What are you up to commander!?”(Chris)

“Noisy, I’m being told Walford will sell it. It would be rude to hold back.”(Rupert)

“Wha-! Shin! What about us!?”(Sieg)

Oh, they compromised after all.

“I already said I’d give you one from the start.”(Shin)

“Oh... With this... That toilet at home...”(Chris)

“Indeed, there’s really no beating Shin. Where did your ego go?”(Rupert)

“Well, that’s not it..?”(Sieg)

“He has unbelievable magical prowess not to mention financial strength. On top of that, there is his beautiful fiance.”(Chris)

“Me...?”(Sicily)

“She’s very cute, isn’t she? Can Sicily also call me older sister?”(Chris)

“Oh, sister-in-law?”(Sicily)

“...What’s this? I should be used to being called that, but what is this ticklish feeling...”(Chris)

It’s because your sister-in-law saying it right?

Chris, who was stroking Sicily’s head, suddenly became embarrassed and a strange atmosphere appeared.

Wait a minute! That’s my woman!

“To have such a pretty girl as your fiance... It’s quite a difference from getting the first girl you could lay your hands on.”(Chris)

“Mind your own business!”(Shin)

“Don’t you have any dignity... Oh, wait, you’re past the age of having dignity.”(Sieg)

Chris chuckled, but that line...

“You... I find it funny that those exact words are applicable to you as well.”(Chris)

“...I will kill you?”(Sieg)

“Those were your words!”(Chris)

“What? Ah?”(Sieg)

Do whatever you want.

By the way, it seems that the number of toilets with the cleaning function reserved for the second day was twice as much as the number sold on the first day.

Chapter 68: I had a hard time

“The Walford Company is amazing...!”(Alice)

“Uh-oh! Shin is becoming more and more rich as time goes by.”(Sieg)

“Your Highness! Well, I agree. It’s amazing considering that you’re the same age as us.”(Thor)

“Hungh! Alright! Because some products are still under development, the profits will only continue to increase.”(August)

This conversation is strange because we’re conversing while playing magic volleyball.

The conversation ended up being about the Walford Company that opened recently because Alice bought the jet boots through her father’s discount.

By the way, the cost for everyone paid for their combat gear at a discounted price, of course, the reason being that they feel guilty when wearing the gear without paying for it.

It’s a genuine compromise.

After Alice purchased jet boots, she was very eager to try them out. As a result, we decided on a fairly casual game of magic volleyball.

Professor Alfred gave us permission because we use chantless magic, and it counts as magic practice as a result.

Oh, Mr. Alfred is watching the game from the courtside with his mouth agape.

I think this is a great educational opportunity, so why don’t we incorporate magic practice into it?

“Hey! We decided beforehand we’ll be using jet boots!”(Alice)

“Fu... Using helpful tools can be called a strategy.”(August)

Gus is saying some strange things.

Is this volleyball?

Before I knew it, everyone was motivated to win.

“Mu-! I’ll get it next time! Olivia, could you raise the toss higher next time?”(Alice)

“Even more?”(Olivia)

“Yes! Even higher please!”(Alice)

The game resumed in accordance to Alice’s shout.

Tony utilised a super high angle/high speed jump with body strengthening and slammed the ball to Team Alice’s court.

“Ah! It’s sly to use it this early!”(Alice)

“I got it!”(Julius)

Julius makes a nice receive by following the trajectory.

“Nice, Julius! Come on Olivia!”(Alice)

“Here it comes! Alice!”(Olivia)

Olivia performed a toss that is unimaginably high for volleyball players in my previous life.

“I was waiting for this!”(Alice)

Alice finally launched her jet boots and jumped at the highest speed possible.

“Oohaa!”(Alice)

Alice’s attack pierced the court of Team Gus without anyone on Gus’ team reacting... I couldn’t react either.

“I did it! How about that your Highness! You couldn’t get that one could you?”(Alice)

“Oh... In no way did I think that you would have come up with such an indecent strategy...”(August)

“That was honestly unexpected...”(Olivia)

“Well, that was a sight for sore eyes.”(Tony)

“A sight for sore eyes?”(Alice)

Only Alice has a puzzled expression.

Right now, we're doing magic practice... The magic practices are done in our battle uniforms...

There were a couple of glances a little while ago, but this time...

"Alice, it... it's a cat, right?"(August)

"A cat...? Ah!"(Alice)

It seems she finally noticed.

Alice held down the skirt of the uniform and turned beet red.

The girl's uniform is a skirt, so when you jump that high...

"Alice... It was in plain view..."(Rin)

"Well... Her panties were cute, so isn't it ok?"(Yuri)

"Yuri, your untactful support will end up conversely hurting her feelings."(August)

"Ginyaaaaaaah!"(Alice)

Alice has cats on her panties...

"Shin, what about you?"(Sicily)

"What is it? Sicily."(Shin)

"...Did you enjoy seeing Alice's underwear?"(Sicily)

"No! I saw it by accident..."(Shin)

"Fufufu..."(Sicily)

"It wasn't on purpose! It wasn't on purpose!"(Shin)

I used the remaining time to calm Alice who was timidly hiding in the corner of the practice field, while Sicily was wearing a scary smile with a piercing stare.





“Ha... How far have you come since the summer holidays... I guess there’s no

meaning for you to attend the Magic Academy anymore.”(Alfred)

“Is that so? Don’t you think that studying is important?”(Shin)

Really, we should be going to the Academy to continue studying.

“Joint training with the Knight Academy will be resumed soon... But what will you guys do? Is there any point to it?”(Alfred)

“Oh, there’s something I’d like to do in the meantime.”(Shin)

“What do you want to do? “(Rin)

“We’ll also participate in thinning out the demons... But... I want to participate alone, separately from the Knight Academy...”(Shin)

“That’s fine, but... Can I ask why?”(Alfred)

“Before this, a group of demons attacked us while we were returning from the Tri-Power Talks. At that time I hunted without dropping the value of the materials, but everyone was struggling quite a bit... I think that if we hunt properly it would be good for precise magic practice”(Shin)

That was a good exercise for everyone. I was planning to incorporate it by all means.

I thought it was a good idea, but Professor Alfred was holding down his brow.

Why?

“Hunting without losing the value of demon materials... Is how a veteran hunter thinks. Have you reached that level already?”(Alfred)

“Well... Everyone here can hunt disaster classes already. However, they only push with force so I want them to learn a bit more precision.”(Shin)

If they can do precise magic control, it may be possible to hide magical power, approach the demons, and surround them to prevent them from escaping this time.

I think that the variety of attacks will expand and I think that’s a good thing.

“...Well, the primary goal of this training is to build up a smooth collaboration between the knights and the wizards. It’s unnecessary for you who can fight by yourselves...”(Alfred)

“It’s because our target is a devil.”(Shin)

It was decided, during the joint training of the Magic Academy and the Knights Academy, we had to train our precision through demon hunting.

“Oh! Shin, thank you so much for this!”(Sieg)

“Life with a toilet with a washing function... It seems like a dream.”(Chris)

“The refrigerator I bought with it is also useful.”(Sieg)

“For ordinary people who cannot control magic as well as a wizard, it’s nigh impossible to make that much icy water. How did you do it?”(Chris)

Joint training is a part of class, so even if we have different plans, we still gather at the same meeting place... But everybody is just looking at us and no one will approach us. Even the Knights and people of the magic division.

Meanwhile, Sieg and Chris are talking to us like normal. The topic was about the magic tool purchased before.

“That’s not such a big deal. For the refrigerator, as long as there’s a magic stone it can keep it cold all the time...”(Shin)

In fact, my refrigerator has already been modified to that type. The maids are praising it for being so convenient.

“Manastones... It’s still under investigation...”(Sieg)

“What’s the progress?”(Shin)

“Several people have deployed from the Knights. It would seem that we’ve uncovered the place from Shin’s report.”(Sieg)

Then big bro Sieg lowered his voice.

“...It seems they’re appearing sporadically.”(Sieg)

“I see.”(Shin)

“Even so... As soon as Shin appeared in the world it’s been one thing after another...”(Sieg)

“He was out of the ordinary even while I was in the forest. But to think he

would've become this famous and brilliant..."(Chris)

"Both of you knew Shin when he was a child? What kind of child was he?"(Sicily)

When Sieg began talking about myself when I was living in the forest, Sicily, who should have already heard this story, asked the two of them.

Did you want to hear the story from the viewpoint of these two as well?

"We were promoted to become his majesty's bodyguards four to five years ago, so we don't know about before that but..."(Sieg)

"I was so surprised when I first met you..."(Chris)

"He carried a super huge bear on his shoulder."(Sieg)

I see. I took down a huge demonized bear, and I was so proud of it that I wanted to brag to Grandma and Grandpa, so I took it back on my back.

"A big bear suddenly emerged between the trees, so we took our stances."(Chris)

"At the time... You were 10 years old. Because Shin was still small, we couldn't see him because he was hidden by the huge body of the bear."(Sieg)

Sieg and Chris spoke nostalgically. Everyone that heard that...

"...It would be more surprising if it was something ordinary..."(August)

"I'm convinced just because it's Shin we're talking about!"(Alice)

Can't you be a bit more surprised? You all.

"Ha ha! You took it pretty well."(Sieg)

"I was worried if such an extraordinary kid could make friends with kids his age... It seems my fears were irrational."(Chris)

"Hey, stop that..."(Shin)

They are the two people that are always looking after me. After knowing that I can call someone a friend, they are gleeful and cheerfully stroking my head.

I'm ashamed of having something like that done to me at my age, but... But I couldn't move their happy hands... As they were doing it... everyone's warm

gaze is...

“Fufu, the two of you love Shin a lot.”(Sicily)

“Oh, this.”(Sieg)

“Yeah we don’t know what to do with this child.”(Chris)

“Am I that much of a handful?”(Shin)

“What are you talking about!? If I took my eyes off of you for a second you’d disappear somewhere immediately.”(Chris)

“And he would come back all bloody.”(Sieg)

“Bloody!?”(Sicily)

Sicily gives me a worried gaze in response to Sieg’s careless remark.

“We thought something was wrong too.”(Sieg)

“It seems that he failed to kill the prey and he got its blood on him...”(Chris)

“Ah, so it was something like that.”(Sicily)

“Hey, that’s... not!”(Shin)

“It’s true! Do you know how worried we were?!”(Chris)

“Sorry...”(Shin)

I remember there being something like that. Sieg and Chris both got angry and yelled at me.

“Besides, I gave you a lot of trouble.”(Shin)

“When I was at the Magi’s house, I was more worried about Shin than guarding his majesty.”(Sieg)

Well, that was the case... Because I was a child, my concentration was weak, so I didn’t worry about my surroundings...

“To be honest, I was worried. I wondered if there was anyone who could become friends with such a unique child?”(Chris)

“To think he has made this many friends... Thank you very much everyone.”(Sieg)

“Thank you.”(Chris)

Sieg and Chris say thank you to everyone like true elder siblings.

I’m glad, but... it’s embarrassing.

“So? Is this foolish young brother trying to do something again?”(Chris)

“I’ve heard you’re gonna go to the demon subjugation alone... but what do you mean by that?”(Sieg)

“It’s nothing particularly strange.”(Shin)

As soon as I told the two of them the objective for our mission, they both wore shocked expressions.

“Practicing the collection of demon material cleanly without damage...”(Chris)

“At this age, you usually don’t even hunt monsters... Are you having the same thought process as a hunting veteran?”(Sieg)

“It’s a profitable byproduct. The priority is improving magic precision.”(Shin)

“Demon hunting is a part of training?”(Sieg)

“It was a good idea not to have these children participate in joint training. The Knight Academy students would definitely lose confidence.”(Chris)

“The same goes for the Magic Academy students.”(Sieg)

“That aside, aren’t you two leaders? Don’t you need to take charge of your group?”(Shin)

We’ve been standing here for a little while but wouldn’t it be better for the people in charge to greet the members?

“The group we’re in charge of... Are you guys.”(Chris)

“Us?”(Shin)

“So that Shin doesn’t do something unreasonable again... It was a request from both the academy and his majesty.”(Sieg)

“Eh? A unit to take lead us? There’s no need for something like that.”(Shin)

“As if I could go along with that reasoning!”(Sieg)

“I reflected on my past actions already though.”(Shin)

“As for us. We cannot let you act unreasonably no matter what!”(Chris)

Was it not leading but monitoring?

In a sense they don't trust me, I...

“Shin, wouldn't the true purpose of us two come out soon enough? Aren't you going to the deepest part anyways?”(Chris)

“I see. Sieg, Chris, come with us.”(Shin)

Now then, we'll begin magic precision practice on demons.

“Oi oi. Looks like there are plenty of demons today too.”(Julius)

“It's really an abnormal situation. If we don't solve this problem quickly, the world will be overrun by demons.”(Shin)

“What are we going to do about it? Do you have a plan?”(Alice)

“Don't demons habitually gather around magical power?”(Shin)

“Oh, it's said that demons will attack creatures that possess dense magical power.”(Sieg)

“That's why a lot of demons appear when people travel in large numbers.”(Chris)

“If that's the case, if you gather you magical power like this...”(Shin)

I collected all the magical power in the area and left it in a condensed ball without converting it into magic.

Then...

“Hey... Hey hey hey!”(Sieg)

“What's the matter, Sieg?”(Shin)

“For crying out loud! The demons are gathering in great numbers!”(Sieg)

All the members stirred due to Sieg's words.

Normally, the magical power is converted into magic immediately, so there

won't be collected magical power left as is.

However, if the demons are attracted by magical power and I keep magical power collected in this way, it could work as bait.

It seems that my hypothesis is correct as a large group of demons are gathered in front of us.

"Everyone get the demons."(Shin)

"Ah."(Sieg)

"Yes, all right."(Alice)

"Well then, in pairs, one person will kill the demon without damaging the materials. The other person will keep other demons off of his partner. You do not have to think about collecting the materials."(Shin)

"Should we follow up in case of emergency?"(Maria)

"Oh, you're surprisingly thinking properly."(Chris)

"Both of you, just what do you think of me?"(Shin)

I don't want to put anyone at risk during training. I thought it was fine until now because it was merely the small fry (disaster classes) that are being killed.

"Sicily is with me."(Shin)

"It is reassuring if Shin is with me."(Sicily)

Sicily seems to be happy even though we're about to suppress demons in a moment. The trust is nice but... Is that really something to be that happy about?

"Well, I've partnered with you. Well then, the first group..."(Shin)

Everyone paired up, while the demons entered our range of magic.

"Shoot!"(Shin)

The starting groups fired spells all at once. Although we ended up with a few bad materials, the suppression itself is going well.

"Wah! I missed one."(Alice)

"Alice is still not good enough..."(Rin)

The demon that Alice failed to shoot slipped through the net and drew closer.

Rin, her partner, noticed it and cast magic towards that demon.

“Hot! Rin! Don’t use the fire magic at such a close range!”(Alice)

“It’s alright, Alice is a strong girl.”(Rin)

“What do you mean by that!?”(Alice)

What are they doing over there? It seems the demon subjugation is advancing smoothly for most of the group.

Still, it would be better if we could gather the demon materials. I can’t tell them now, because I already told them that they didn’t have to worry about the materials.

Sicily is concentrating on subjugation, and I’m here to follow up.

Everyone has been eliminating the demons without a problem.

After a while, the first demon wave fell.

“Fuuuu! I’m tired!”(Alice)

“I wasted the demon materials worse than I expected.”(Tony)

“Hm, this is difficult.”(August)

“Oh... I did something unnecessary.”(Alice)

“This is... a challenging assignment.”(Rin)

“Fufu, thanks to Shin, I could concentrate.”(Sicily)

We chatted about our thoughts of the first wave as we rested, but there won’t be much time to rest.

“Hora, the second wave is coming. The first group will substitute for the second group.”(Shin)

“Yes! Already!?”(Maria)

“The demons won’t wait for us.”(Shin)

“Shin... did you collect magic power just now?”(Maria)

“Is it just my imagination? There are many more coming!”(Thor)

Actually, what Maria's pointed out was correct.

I secretly gathered magic power earlier to attract more demons.

"The demons have come into our range! Shoot!"(Shin)

Along with my command, the latecomers start suppressing the demons in the same manner as the first group.

"Ah! My heart wasn't ready!"(Yuri)

"Oh, I wasted it again..."(Alice)

"Uu... There is no mercy"(Yuri)

"Die! Sorry Thor! I missed one!"(Julius)

"Muu, I failed."(Maria)

Because the preparation period was shorter than for the first group, they didn't aim well.

"Shin, is amazing... He's hitting the mark every time..."(Sicily)

"Well, I used to shoot down flocks of birds in the past."(Shin)

"...That is..."(Maria)

"It was to get bird meat."(Chris)

"Compared to birds, a demon is quite a large target..."(Shin)

"Such a thing."(Maria)

After the wave, the latecomers who failed to recover in time, are depressed because they made the majority of the demon materials useless.

"If I just had the chance to prepare properly..."(Yuri)

"Walford, you're outrageous."(Maria)

When Maria and Yuri started whining, Chris began lecturing them.

"If you are whining about just this exercise, you can't fight properly on the battlefield. Will you not fight until your enemies declare 'I will attack now'?"(Chris)

"Their magic power is great, but they're still children. Isn't a surprise attack a

regular occurrence on the battlefield?”(Sieg)

As expected, it seems that Sieg and Chris have grasped my true intentions for this exercise.

“I prevented you from having time to prepare on purpose. We won’t be fighting demons from now on... We’re up against devils... Those devils have consciousness on top of that!”(Shin)

Everyone hung their heads down to those words. Even Gus is making a bitter expression.

“Until now we’ve been helped by the fact that they’ve come from the front, but after this long period of tranquility, don’t you think they’ve prepared countermeasures? If they successfully pull off their plan, it will not be an easy victory like before.”(Shin)

Everyone raised their faces as they noticed.

“If someone is slow... If that happens... I...”(Shin)

For the first time in this world I made friends my age. I don’t want to lose a single one of them. For that I will...

“Well, the third wave is already here.”(Shin)

“Whaaaaaaaaat!?”(Everyone)

Look out, won’t the demon swarm arrive any second now?

“Shin is unexpectedly strict...”(Alice)

“Ah! They already came!”(Yuri)

“So... what is our goal?”(August)

“Obviously to collect demon materials.”(Shin)

“Demon!”(Everyone)

Ha ha ha, even if the material can’t be collected, they won’t die, but they’ll probably have a hard time.

“Uu...This is terrible...”(Yuri)

“Oh, Sicily we’ll continue to subjugate them without a break after this.”(Shin)

“Yes!?”(Sicily)

“Can’t you fully focus on practice since I’m here? It will be fine, I will follow up properly.”(Shin)

“Awawa!”(Sicily)

With this, Sicily’s ability will also improve.

Well, I love my fiancée. I mean.

“Shin is S...”(Rin)

“It’s unexpected isn’t it?”(Alice)

You there! Don’t say strange things!

“Awawa!”(Sicily)

Sicily is trying to fight while on the verge of crying

Her crying face is cute too...

“Shin is a pervert.”(Maria)

“It’s unexpected isn’t it?”(Yuri)

You there! Stop saying strange things! !

Chapter 69: My sensation has shifted

“Ha! Hua! This is really hard!”(Sieg)

“Huh! Ha! Don’t scratch the material! Hiya! This is also troublesome!”(Chris)

Sieg and Chris who were supposed to have come as the leaders of our group said that it didn’t feel right just spectating us, so they decided to participate in the demon subjugation as well.

Chris, the only knight present, has been tasked to take down the demons that get through our defenses.

More importantly...

“Sieg, you can use chantless magic?”(Shin)

“Ahhhhh!? Ha! This is the usual Merlin style of training! If you practice it for a long time, the magical power you can control increases... Hua! And then you can cast magic without chants! I reached the point where I am able to use it!”(Sieg)

“Oh, I see.”(Shin)

“I mean! You chat like it’s normal! While! Using magic without reservation! Shooting demons down like they’re made of paper!”(Sieg)

“Shouldn’t you be familiar with it?”(Shin)

“What! How could I be!?”(Sieg)

Prior to this battle, Sieg began to shoot magic chantlessly.

The magical power he can control now is worlds apart from before.

Just by practicing magic power control, it increases the amount of magic power that can be controlled by so much...

“Everyone can do it.”(Shin)

“Even our Magic Division! Everyone can do it!”(Sieg)

“That’s right, it’s a good thing.”(Shin)

“Everyone was chanting! But! Merlin and Shin are doing it this way! When I said this is your practice method, Everyone started doing it seriously!”(Sieg)

After all grandpa’s name is very distinguished among the magicians.

Everyone said that practicing magic power control in silence is the most boring part of magic practice.

By the way, I’m having fun just because of the fact that I get to control magical power, so I never had that mentality.

Even now I do it everyday.

“Eat this! Alright! Now!”(Chris)

“Oh!? Chris, what did you do just now?”(Shin)

She shot the blade of the exchange sword towards the demon, it pierced the demon, she exchanged the blade in the interlude, and went for the next demon.

“The spring for ejection when exchanging blades is designed to be the most powerful one! When I change blades, it creates an opening! If the blade can be ejected, not utilizing it effectively would be a waste; wouldn’t you say!?”(Chris)

Oh, there was a use like that for the replacement function.

Replacing blades used as an opportunity to attack.

“If that’s the case, don’t you need considerable strength to change a blade?”(Shin)

“My training! Is not that weak! Uhm... Did it fit...?”(Chris)

While I was talking to Chris and Sieg, the wave of demons fell before we even noticed it.

“How about we leave it here for today?”(Chris)

“We’re worn out already!”(Alice)

“Ha... Ha... Shin... Already... Broken...”(Sicily)

Everyone is worn out.

Sicily was practicing without rest, so she seems to be more exhausted than

anyone else.

“Well then, that’s it for today.”(Shin)

“Ha... As expected I’m really tired...”(Yuri)

“It was easier to just release magic at full power...”(Rin)

“Shin is right. Although I was the follow up, didn’t I end up taking down a lot of demons?”(Maria)

“Is that so? It took me a while to get accustomed to something this big.”(Shin)

“What the heck... what did you usually take down?”(August)

“This.”(Shin)

I looked up at the sky, and I saw a bird flying far above the forest. I know from experience that it’s a delicious meal despite its appearance.

I shoot a very small wind blade towards the bird.

The bird could not escape the blade and consequently lost its head and started falling towards the ground.

I also manipulated the wind to catch the falling bird and bring it to my person.

The next step is to hold the bird’s feet and drain its blood.

We’ve been killing off demons all this time, so everyone had gotten used to mere blood and guts.

Everyone in the team was stunned by the spectacle. Only Chris and Sieg was exempt from the astonished crowd.

“Eh? Is it that easy to hunt down a flying bird?”(Olivia)

“It’s not like that... Usually, you would shoot the birds with arrows before they fly away.”(Tony)

“In flight... And furthermore a single blow to a flying bird...?”(Julius)

“His magic skill is unreasonable as ever.”(August)

“Shin... didn’t you say that you hunted flocks?”(Sicily)

“A flock?”(Everyone)

“If it’s smaller birds, there wouldn’t have been enough for everyone. Chris and Sieg ate quite a lot didn’t you?”(Shin)

It wasn’t every day but various people came by frequently.

Both Sieg and Chris ate quite a lot whenever they came to visit my home.

“Oh, it was a considerable feast everytime I went.”(Sieg)

“We felt bad for just eating while expending no effort, so we went out to hunt with Shin but...”(Chris)

“Because we were shown that scene...”(Sieg)

“We just went along to collect the prey Shin hunted. We were completely useless.”(Chris)

It was like that. Because it is troublesome, it was their task to collect the felled birds. It was easier this way, and I didn’t notice the facial expressions of the two people.

You cared that much...?

“Well, I won’t tell you to do it anymore. However, won’t precise magic control come in handy in certain situations? For example, if they take hostages.”(Shin)

“Is a situation like that even possible...?”(Alice)

By my demonstration of precise magic shots, it seems that everyone’s motivation has risen.

However, today, they’re all tired, so I’m hopeful for the next time.

After that, we split the spoils and prepared for our return.

“Well, let’s go home. Sicily.”(Shin)

“Yes?”(Sicily)

“Hop on my back.”(Shin)

“Err, yes? A-a-alright!”(Sicily)

“Sicily is the most exhausted here. I’ve caused you so much trouble. This is the least I can do.”(Shin)

“But, but...”(Sicily)

“If you won’t do what I told you, would you rather be in a princess carry?”(Shin)

“I will get on your back!”(Sicily)

Damn. I was hoping that I’d get to princess carry her. Would it be too embarrassing for her as I expected?

I started running carefully so that I don’t burden Sicily, who is resting on my back.

“Sicily, I’m sorry for today.”(Shin)

“What’s wrong, Shin?”(Sicily)

“No... I made it tough on Sicily today...”(shin)

“Huh? Oh, I didn’t mind that at all. Rather, I was lucky that I got to practice a lot with Shin’s follow ups.”(Sicily)



Those are Sicily's true feelings I guess, but I was in the situation where I have to help Sicily grow more than anything else.

“Because Sicily specialises in healing magic, you have less practice in attack magic than anybody... I want you to obtain even a little bit more power while you still can.”(Shin)

“Wasn’t the reason that you were so harsh on me because I volunteered?”(Sicily)

“Still. If I don’t give Sicily enough time to practice attack magic and something happens... That’s what scares me most.”(Shin)

“Shin...”(Sicily)

“As a result, I was only strict on Sicily. I was being selfish, so... I’m sorry.”(Shin)

My selfishness is the root cause of her exhaustion.

Even if I’m giving her harsh treatment... Sicily is important to me.

“Shin... Thank you.”(Sicily)

“Sicily?”(Shin)

Sicily clung to me.

“Being cherished by Shin like this... I know that I’m loved.”(Sicily)

It looks like my feelings were conveyed. That’s good...

“Training was tough but But, because Shin is thinking about me, I will do my best. I will do my best next time too!”(Sicily)

“When I’m being unreasonable will you tell me that it’s impossible?”(Shin)

“I will not say that! Because...”(Sicily)

Sicily silently brought her lips close to my ear and whispered.

“I’d like to be praised by Shin...”(Sicily)

...

Hot! My face is hot, my body is hot!

When I felt Sicily clinging tightly to my back and whispering things like that into my ear...

“You guys... You still feel like flirting at a time like this?”(August)

“A classic sickeningly sweet couple.”(Maria)

“You two are bright red! I wonder what you two talked about?”(Yuri)

I know that our faces are red. I mean, we’re practically steaming.

Of course, the surrounding people took notice of our plight.

“Ha ha... My younger brother is in the springtime of youth... I wonder if I should settle down as well...”(Sieg)

“I wonder where my partner is.”(Chris)

“...There isn’t one?”(Sieg)

“Do you want to die?”(Chris)

“Saying things like that, there’s no way anyone would want you as a bride...”(Sieg)

“I-if they don’t rush over to me, something must be wrong with them!”(Chris)

Let’s leave them alone.

I mean, both of them have known each other for a long time, and I think they suit each other, but... I stopped myself from voicing my opinion. A big fight will surely break out between them.

Sicily, who was getting teased by everyone, couldn’t raise her head out of embarrassment and clung even closer to me, and Chris and the bachelorette camp were about to snap when we arrived at the meeting place.

“Oh, you’re back... Hey! What happened to Claude?”(Alfred)

“Yes, teacher, please listen to this!”(Alice)

Alice gladly explained the situation leading up to now.

“So it’s a result of flirting... Well, Sieg, Chris, and Walford are here, so there couldn’t be a worst case scenario.”(Alfred)

“Oh, that’s a surprisingly high evaluation from our senior.”(Sieg)

“Despite your character, I recognize your skills. That goes without saying for Chris.”(Alfred)

“Thank you, Marcus. If you weren’t married, I might’ve proposed to you

myself.”(Chris)

“What? What the hell are you saying!? Have you lost your mind?”(Alfred)

“Ahh, that girl, it seems like Shin’s influence is making her hungry for love.”(Sieg)

“...Yeah, those two are, well... after watching the way they flirt, sometimes it really makes me want to see my wife.”(Alfred)

“You too, senior?”(Sieg)

“By “too”, you’re including yourself. You... are you hoping to meet someone...?”(Alfred)

“Hmmmmmm... someone...”(Sieg)

“It isn’t the best place for it... with the magic division...”(Alfred)

I heard the conversation between Mr. Alfred and Sieg. Maybe the reason why Mr. Alfred left the magic division was because he couldn’t flirt with women...

The teacher looks serious. Let’s ask him the next time I get a chance.

“So, how did it go?”(Alfred)

Everyone became depressed after Mr. Alfred asked for their status.

“Wh-what? What happened? Did something go wrong?”(Alfred)

The teacher who knows that his class is gradually becoming a group immeasurable by common sense seems to have gotten very anxious after seeing everyone down.

“Actually, teacher!”(Alice)

“Please look.”(Shin)

I took out the demons everyone had collected from the Different Dimension Storage.

That amount... It made a small mountain.

“At first, they had plenty of prep time, so they could kill them cleanly, however...”(Shin)

“Shin didn’t let us prepare halfway through!”(Alice)

“After that, they were almost useless.”(Shin)

Everyone said that it was impossible to achieve the objective of collecting the material cleanly, which was the initial goal.

Mr. Alfred is still gaping at the the large stack of demonic material that appeared in front of him.

An uproar is rising amongst the surroundings.

Everyone has noticed it.

I wonder if the feelings of the surrounding are becoming distorted?

...Is it my fault? It was like this the first time around...

“Hunting this much... And you’re still not satisfied?”(Alfred)

“Our original objective was to kill the demons without scratching their materials. The quantity was just an added bonus.”(Shin)

“In any case... This much is...”(Alfred)

Come to think of it, since we moved from the academy to hunting demons, I was told there aren’t any people my age hunting demons. So, if we hunt this much... Of course they would be surprised.

“I’m telling you Shin. It’s rare even for the military to hunt down this much.”(Chris)

“To hunt many is abnormal in and of itself. Please have some self-awareness.”(Sieg)

Didn’t both of you contribute to this little hill?

“During the next joint exercise with the Knight Academy you will act separately again.”(Alfred)

“Eh? It’s not an offer but an order now?”(Shin)

“How can you pair people who can hunt demons like this with Knight Academy students that just got accustomed to basic hunting!”(Alfred)

The thing we requested this time became an order for next time.

Well that’s a good thing, I guess. No one will complain if it’s official.

Like that, the first day of demon subjugation training that focused on accuracy ended.

Sicily wouldn't separate from my back even after we eventually reached the meeting place.

Christina immediately headed towards the general's office after returning to the Knights Office.

"I'm back."(Chris)

"Oh, Hayden you're back. Can you give me a rough report about how powerful Walford is currently?"(General)

Dominic is the head of military affairs, but he is also the General of the Knights. As a result, the military director's office is the general's office at the same time.

"A report... about Shin... Uh, how should I explain it...?"(Chris)

"What's wrong? Is it that hard to explain?"(Dominic)

"Rather than hard to explain... Whether or not it's believable is the question."(Chris)

"What happened?"(Dominic)

Christina made up her mind and reported exactly what she saw.

"You've made a small hill from the subjugated demons?"(Dominic)

"Yes. Moreover, they were careful not to scratch the materials. If they subjugated without worrying about materials... that number would be several times bigger."(Chris)

"...If you were to incorporate the Ultimate Magicians into the battlefield where would you put them?"(Dominic)

"Each individual is a force of its own... It would be best if we organize them as an independent force."(Chris)

There's a reason for Dominic to inquire about their war potential.

After the Three Power Talks, it's necessary to propose what kind of fighting power is to be placed to conclude the worldwide coalition.

Although it was stated that Ultimate Magicians are not the unique strength of Earlshyde, they are citizens of Earlshyde Kingdom, live in Earlshyde, and go to school at Earlshyde.

It is safe to say that it's the obligation imposed on Earlshyde to grasp the Ultimate Magician's strength.

With the verification of its strength, if every team member has enough power to act in isolation... Who should be placed in which country in accordance to their military strength?

The sources of trouble just keep increasing.

"Furthermore the Earlshyde Magic Division is improving their ability considerably thanks to Merlin's training method... Earlshyde's biggest impediment might be carelessness."(Chris)

Dominic looked as if he bit a bug in response to Chris' words.

He entered the military and overcame a number of joint operations with magicians, but it seems that fundamentally, it's not pleasant falling behind magicians.

"...I will not stand being defeated by such a dainty bunch!"(Dominic)

It seems that Dominic isn't pleased because he's falling behind the magicians, however...

"What do you want to do? Will you wallow in shame, or will you ask Walford to make you a vibrating sword?"(Dominic)

"It might be better to stop."(Chris)

"Why?"(Dominic)

"That's because no one but Shin understands how to enchant it, although the technique isn't particularly held a secret..."(Chris)

"Then, what's the problem?"(Dominic)

"...To be honest I've received a knife type model from Shin."(Chris)

“Really!?”(Dominic)

I got it from Shin. That means that if you ask Shin, you have the possibility to make it. Dominic immediately expressed a blissful face, but Christina’s expression was blank.

“Is there anything that is stiff in the room, which I can cut? For example, a wooden training sword?”(Christina)

“Then... Wait a moment. Oh, there it is.”(Dominic)

He found a wooden training sword in his personal locker.

“It was cracked in training. I thought of throwing it away as it is.”(Dominic)

Saying that, he handed it to Chris.

“Please watch this.”(Chris)

She took out the knife from her breast pocket.

“Is that it?”(Dominic)

“Yes, the vibrating sword... Or in this case a vibrating knife.”(Chris)

Chris inserted magic power in the knife she took out.

Most knights can’t use magic, but every person in this world can activate magical tools.

“Here goes.”(Chris)

To those words she presses the knife’s edge against the wood.

“O-oh!”(Dominic)

A hard wooden training sword is cut through as if it were made of butter.

The blade went right-left, left-right back and forth. With each time the wooden swords gets increasingly shredded.

“There’s no increase in power. However, it’s sharpness is certainly wonderful...”(Chris)

“...To rely on this... won’t our techniques lose all meaning...?”(Dominic)

“Yes. You don’t need to be a knight if you use this weapon.”(Chris)

“..... Really, are we becoming the biggest hindrance...?”(Dominic)

“No. Please look at this.”(Chris)

“Shoes. What about them?”(Dominic)

“These are jet boots. They are sold at the Walford Company that opened the other day.”(Chris)

Christina bought jet boots in addition to a toilet and a refrigerator.

“To be honest, when I saw Shin make it for the first time I thought it was unnecessary... In an actual battle, it’s very useful if you can master it.”(Chris)

“That reminds me... I saw it in action when Stromm and Walford fought. He used it not only on the ground, but also in the air.”(Dominic)

“That’s right. In addition, the rushing power will also increase. We should incorporate it to the Knights and bolster our strength.”(Chris)

“... Well, let’s place an order to the Walford Company. From now on, start special training with jet boots! Hayden, give them instructions.”(Dominic)

“Yes!”(Chris)

Thus, the introduction of jet boots to the equipment of the Earlshyde Knights was decided.

“Rupert, I won’t let you say that we’re a burden!”(Dominic)

(The Magic Division commander, the fierce rival of the Knights, Rupert Olgrand)

The aforementioned fierce rival Magician commander.

“Ah, You’re back, Sieg. So, what was Walford’s training like?”(Rupert)

Even the Magic Division commander Rupert Olgrand was greeting the returning Siegfried.

“They’ve become quite an outrageous group...”(Sieg)

Sieg told the story in detail to Rupert.

“...I was there when Walford fought. What about the other children? Are they

all like that?”(Rupert)

“In general they make almost no mistakes. They can use magic chantlessly, and even if they defeat a demon, they’re frustrated if it wasn’t a clean kill. I finished exhausted...”(Sieg)

Demon subjugation was carried out in several waves. While subjugating them all, apart from Sicily, who was a bit tired, no one had any problems with it.

“That much... Just what are they? I just don’t understand.”(Rupert)

“Oh yeah... There was a mountain of demons from the ground to the second floor window.”(Sieg)

Sieg pointed to the ground from the window of the commander’s room on the second floor of the Magic Division headquarters to show how big the mountain was.

“Ha?”(Rupert)

“Also because we were outdoors... It spread to the sides quite a bit...”(Sieg)

“...How many did you subjugate?”(Rupert)

“Eh? We didn’t exactly count. There was definitely more than two hundred.”(Sieg)

He stopped counting because he joined the subjugation halfway through.

Anyways, Sieg knows a lot.

“...They’re children aged fifteen to sixteen?”(Rupert)

“That’s right. They are first year students of the Advanced Magic Academy... Just speaking in terms of ability... I’d say they would be a good match for Shin at age ten?”(Sieg)

“...At what height are you and Walford?”(Rupert)

People who do such insane acts are said to have about the same strength as Shin when he was ten years old.

Or rather how talented is Shin that those insane people can’t match him when he was ten years old?

Rupert was anxious about that fact.

“I do not understand it. Even though Merlin far surpasses someone like me. Wouldn’t Shin be the most powerful magician in the history of humanity?”(Sieg)

“...What a time to be born into this world... If Walford was not there, what would have happened to this world...”(Rupert)

“True. It’s almost as if someone like God is writing this scenario.”(Sieg)

“..Don’t say that in front of the holy maiden of the Church of Creation.”(Rupert)*

“Naturally.”(Sieg)

At the same time that abnormal called Shin Walford appeared, Oliver Stromm, the first intelligent demon in history, appeared.

Many people that have the impression that there are so many coincidences it is as if it’s like a scenario scripted by God.

Some may say that he is God’s messenger.

“At this rate, all the credit’s gonna go to Walford-kun. We can’t lose to him!”(Rupert)*

“That’s right.”(Sieg)

“Ok! Now that that’s settled, it’s time for training! Sieg, let’s go!”(Rupert)

“Huh? No, I already trained plenty today...”(Sieg)

“You can’t overtake Walford with ordinary things! Don’t worry about that and go!”(Rupert)

“Wait a minute, waaaaaaaaaaaaa-!”(Sieg)

Rupert grabbed Siegfried by the neck and dragged him away.

He did not care about the knights at all.

Chapter 70: Business as usual today as well

Today is another joint training session with the Knights Academy... However, we won't participate, since we'll be hunting monsters alone.

I thought Sieg and Chris would be our leaders today too, but the person that showed up to be our leader was none other than Rupert Olgrand.

The students of the Magic Academy were puzzled at the sudden appearance of Earlshyde's top magician to the point where they were visibly cowering.

Well, their fear isn't unjustified. Afterall, they're not even chicks, in a manner of speaking, you could say they're still eggs. (TN: Analogy for fledglings. Boku no Hero uses that one as well.)

The boss of the birds appeared before the eggs. It would be impossible not to flinch.

"Oh? Mr. Olgrand? How come Sieg isn't here?"(Shin)

"He is primarily a bodyguard of his Majesty. Taking the lead for Walford's training was a special case."(Rupert)

"Huh, is that so?"(Shin)

"He accompanied your training yesterday and judged an escort is unnecessary for your group... However, even though your power is immeasurable, you're still students. A leader is mandatory for the exercises, so I came today to monitor your insane group."(Rupert)

We don't need an escort, but I guess having students undertake demon subjugations alone would be too irresponsible?

Either way, an adult is coming along.

"But if it's only for that reason then Mr. Olgrand himself didn't need to come, right?"(Shin)

"Well, that's certainly true, but I wanted to observe you myself."(Rupert)

"Is that so? I don't think our hunting is that interesting though."(Shin)

“What the heck are you talking about? Isn’t every member of this group decorated? There’s no way I wouldn’t be interested.”(Rupert)

“Is that the way it is...”(Shin)

“That’s the way it is.”(Rupert)

Well, it doesn’t seem to be a matter of specifically restraining our actions.

“Olgrand. because of you, Shin cast an illusion... In this case, only Shin and I can talk to you frankly? Please be aware that the head of the Magic Division monitoring a group of students is insane enough behavior in and of itself.”(August)

“I know that, but...”(Rupert)

Mr. Olgrand lowered his voice and started whispering to Gus.

(I heard from an insane report from Sieg, so I’m trying to ascertain the true strength of Ultimate Magicians first hand to plan a strategy for the next Alliance meeting.)(Rupert)

(Alright, but Don’t meddle too much.)(August)

(I understand.)(Rupert)

“What were you talking about just now?”(Shin)

“Nothing.”(August)

“Oh, it’s a casual chat. Well then, shall we go soon? I want to see your group fight.”(Rupert)

“Ye-yes!”(Everyone)

Sure enough, everyone is tense because of Mr. Olgrand.

I... Mr. Olgrand isn’t as prestigious as my grandma. Even though he is the head of a respected organization, I talk to the heads of many great organizations frequently, so I’m not nervous.

In the future, we will become an organization organized separately from the magic division, and I hope the distance will shrink because he’s our leader today.

While I was thinking about that, we arrived at the same place as yesterday.

“Whoa! Whoa! Hey... wasn’t our pace too fast?”(Rupert)

“Is that so? ...Oh, that’s because everyone used these, isn’t it?”(Shin)

“These?”(Rupert)

I pointed at everyone’s feet.

They are all wearing jet boots.

“Is that... Walford when you’re wearing those, you can shorten the distance with your opponent or change directions in the air?”(Rupert)

“Yes, I used them when I fought against Stromm.”(Shin)

“Huh? Everyone is wearing them... Does that mean everyone can fight in close combat?”(Rupert)

Logically, he isn’t wrong, but the real reason everyone is wearing jet boots is a different one....

“Volleyball...”(Shin)

“Hmm? Volleyball... What’s that? The game Walford taught you at the Rittenheim resort?”(Rupert)

“...That volleyball... It’s more fun if you use jet boots, so everyone is wearing them...”(Shin)

“...No way, to get used to handling them...”(Rupert)

“Basically, we are a fixed artillery. We don’t use it during battle. However, Tony and I are pretty good at handling them, so we normally fight in close combat... After all, if you don’t practice, you won’t improve, so I move with these... “(Shin)

“...Although it’s the same place you’ve been to the other day, I was wondering why you didn’t use Gate even though it’s the same place you’ve been to just the other day... So the reason why... is because you want to get used to the jet boots...”(Rupert)

“...Sorry.”(Shin)

“No... Honestly, I’d like to see you use it during training... When you consider how useful this will be in actual warfare, I cannot get upset.”(Rupert)

He’s right.

We use jet boots for Magical Volley, but if one can master them, he can gain an advantage in combat. Not just in battle, but one can move without exhausting their physical strength.

Even Mr. Olgrand, who was keeping up with us by using body strengthening, was breathless.

Everyone can use Gate, but not everyone can use flying magic. It’ll be especially handy when moving as individuals. (TN: lirc they all used flying magic when reacting to invasions, so idk how they suddenly can’t use it) (EN: I thought Shin was the one lifting them all up with his flying magic, not theirs) (TN: Too lazy to look it up. If anyone knows, tell me in a comment and you get a cybercookie.)

“A magic tool for movement... I will consider introducing it to the curriculum since we have a lot of bean sprouts...”(Rupert)

“By the way, I was told that we received a large order of jet boots from the Knight Order.”(Shin)

“What? The Knight Order?”(Rupert)

“Yes, it raises acceleration. It’s particularly useful in combat for swordsmen.”(Shin)

“.....That Dominic, He didn’t tell me anything about this...”(Rupert)

“But don’t the knights ride horses? If you ride horses, you don’t need jet boots...”(Tony)

“The horse is a powerful weapon in a war against humans, but it won’t fare so well with a devil as the opponent.”(Rupert)

“Wouldn’t it make it easier to fight when they get off their horses?”(Alice)

“Most likely. Well, I can only ride horses for transportation, so I don’t know the details.”(Rupert)

If the monster is moving quickly, isn't it difficult to attack while on horseback?

"So? What are you going to do now? Will you wait for demons to come? Or will you go looking for them?"(Rupert)

"Oh, that is going to be determined later..."(Shin)

Just like yesterday, I collected magic power and attracted demons to our location.

Well, let's start today's hunt for materials.

"...So this is what left Sieg dumbfounded. What on earth is this?"(Rupert)

For the fourth time in a row, I attracted demons and arranged the same group combinations from yesterday to subjugate them.

Today, the attitude was different. No one panicked, and we could collect much more materials than yesterday.

"Hmm. I guess the success rate is still around 40%?"(Tony)

"Tony is good! I can manage about 20%!"(Alice)

"That's not something to be proud of."(Rin)

Tony said 40%, Alice said 20%, referring to the proportion of clean kills.

Even if it isn't beautiful, they subjugate them cleanly with some consistency to an extent.

It is a big difference from yesterday.

"You're not satisfied with this? If you want to sell the materials, you have enough. You could even rate them among the highest quality goods..."(Rupert)

"Our goal is to hunt completely clean. It's not very good so far."(Shin)

"Cleanly every time... What are you saying? Something like that..."(Rupert)

"Look at the demons Shin has killed."(August)

"..."(Rupert)

"All of his kills are flawless. He demonstrated his expertise to you just now.

We still have a long way to go.”(August)

Probably because of Target.

“Hah... Ha... Shin is amazing after all. When a clear-cut goal becomes visible, I get fired up to train!”(Sicily)

Sicily is out of breath after fighting four consecutive battles today.

Sicily also knew beforehand that she will participate in subjugation today, so she isn't as out of breath as yesterday.

However, using magic requires concentration, so if you keep at it for a long time, you will be out of breath in a bit depending on your mana pool.

However, thanks to the rigorous training routine, Sicily's offensive magic has more precision and power than before.

“My attack magic has considerably improved. But I feel that this is still not enough, I'll do my best to continue.”(Sicily)

“Yes!”(Shin)

I answer her with a smile.

“That girl, is she... a saint? She specializes in healing magic, but her attack magic is also powerful... Just what is...”(Rupert)

Mr. Olgrand has a valid reason to be shocked.

This world's magic doesn't have any attributes or limitations like in a game. If you can imagine it, you can use any magic.

Then, what is healing magic?

The curative magic is activated by strong feelings of compassion that desires to heal the injured. In this world, it is a magic where the activation conditions are not very well understood.

However, healing magic does exist in this world, and it treats many patients to this day.

My theory is that in this world magical power will respond to a strong image “healing,” and healing magic will activate in response to the feelings of compassion.

As a result, people, who are good at curative magic, are very gentle and very compassionate, so healers are generally not good at any kind of attack magic.

However, my healing magic is used by understanding the structure of the human body, so it has nothing to do with the heart or compassion.

The same is true for attack magic. Just because you have an aggressive character, it doesn't mean your attack magic will be stronger.

Sicily practices healing magic while learning the structure of living things... from me.

Sometimes, I take her with me on hunts.

I threw up the first time she tested her magic on me, but once she got accustomed to it, her healing power increased considerably.

Because Gus told me "Don't teach this to anyone outside the team", to Mr. Olgrand, I guess Sicily is a mysterious existence.

"Mr. Olgrand. I think we'll end the hunt here for today and go back. Is that alright with you?"(Shin)

"Oh, ah. If you hunt this much, there some people might complain. Well... more than the quantity, the quality is the problem..."(Rupert)

"Is that so? We still have a ways to go."(Shin)

"...You're aiming too high ..."(Rupert)

I don't think so.

Actually, veteran hunters are learning from us.

"By the way, Sicily, should I carry you home today as well?"(Shin)

"It's an attractive offer but... I also want to master these shoes, so I will return home by myself today."(Sicily)

"I see, that's a shame. Sicily is soft and warm, so I wanted to carry her on my back."(Shin)

"Huh? Ah! Jeez! Shin is a perv!"(Sicily)

Muu, I'm terribly sorry.

“Is this the atmosphere to have after slaying so many demons...?”(Rupert)

“Olgrand, don’t think too much about those two. ‘Anytime, anywhere’ is their motto.”(August)

“A genuine young couple.”(Maria)

“Model lovebirds.”(Rin)

“Royalty Love Birds!”(Alice)

Somehow, we’ve received a dreadful title.

Of course, Sicily was shyly agonizing behind me.

Rupert Olgrand, the head magician of the Earls Hyde Kingdom, couldn’t bring himself to believe the sight he saw today.

It should be unthinkable for boys and girls of that age, Magic Academy students, to hunt demons like Shin’s group.

As a result of witnessing the Ultimate Magician’s magic, his confidence was rattled and shattered.

He himself didn’t like how chanting gave his opponents an opening. Not to mention, he was bothered by no chanting magic, but their magic was on a whole different level.

He couldn’t hear any chanting. Even so, the magic they released was powerful and accurate.

They said they had a goal for this suppression: to collect demon materials as cleanly as possible.

The best materials can only be collected, when you take down the head without damaging the body at all.

Even veteran hunters can rarely do that, yet these kids pulled it off many times.

That’s the same line of thinking as a veteran hunter... You have to keep in mind that saying you can do it and actually being able to do it are two completely different things.

They are practicing that exact attitude.

Amongst them, Shin Walford's magic is in a completely different dimension.

In any case, a 100% success rate of getting the finest materials every single time.

Most people focus their attention on his unreasonable power, but isn't this accuracy more noteworthy? Rupert pondered.

If your magic doesn't hit the mark, there's no point to it.

Shin, who can accomplish so much with minimal magical power, could not be seen as a human in Rupert's eyes.

"Demon King...Wizard King..."(Rupert)

It's not necessarily an exaggeration. Rather than reiterate what others said, he felt that their words weren't exaggerated.

The end result was that twelve people caught an unbelievable amount of demons and went home.

After witnessing that sight, Rupert had to report to the head of military affairs, Dominic.

"You had a tough time Rupert. So? How are they from a magician's point of view? Where would you place them?"(Dominic)

Although he received a report from Christina, he was a knight and could not get enough information to draft a strategy seeing as how he had no expertise in magic.

[Those kids are amazing.]

Dominic, who was unable to think up a strategy just from hearing reports, asked an expert on magic, Rupert, to inspect.

Rupert cannot answer Dominic's question immediately.

Rupert thought about the operation for a while and answered.

"...Anywhere is fine."(Rupert)

"...What? Saying anywhere is fine, Rupert, you...."(Dominic)

“It’s not irresponsible. I have been convinced by my own eyes. I’m certain our support will only hinder them. In fact, we should be the ones following them.”(Rupert)

“...Were they that amazing?”(Dominic)

“It was incredible. His Highness and His Majesty are desperately trying to resist inviting those children to become our unique strength. However, I understand this is meant to prevent inflammation of war.”(Rupert)

The King of Earls Hyde Kingdom, one of the great powers, doesn’t want to take them in. Rupert knows that means they’re proposing for them to become the shared strength of the world.

“They’re too incredible. Those children... No, Walford alone can easily conquer the world.”(Rupert)

“T-That much?”(Dominic)

“So, anywhere is fine. Wherever you put them, they will get the best results. Those children are incredible.”(Rupert)

As a strategist, he was troubled as to where to place so much power, but now he’s worried even more when he was told that anywhere is fine.

“Haa... What is going on, even though there’s not much time left until the alliance meeting...”(Dominic)

“I was hoping to dispatch several people to each country and follow them. Each country will use its military to subjugate large demons, but if a disaster class shows up, we let those kids handle it.”(Rupert)

“...Is that the best option after all?”(Dominic)

“In my opinion.”(Rupert)

“I understand. Thanks, Rupert, I got a point of reference. Good job today.”(Dominic)

“Oh, that reminds me... Before I forget! Hey, Dominic! Did you order jet boots in bulk from the Walford Company?”(Rupert)

“Hmm? What are you talking about?”(Dominic)

“Answer me!”(Rupert)

“Ok, that was bad. Well, our Knight Order can increase its strength with it, so we won’t lose to the magic division.”(Dominic)

Dominic, afraid to pull Rupert’s leg, he told the magic division’s head with confidence.

“Hmph, how unfortunate! Because I accompanied Walford today, I also decided to purchase jet boots for the magic division!”(Rupert)

I lost to Rupert again.

In fact, the magic division commander cannot arrange new equipment at his own discretion, but after he returns from the meeting, Rupert will have already bought the jet boots.

“What! So dodgy! You’re already raising your strength with the Merlin style training method! Do you have to buy jet boots on top of that!?”(Dominic)

“Cheh! It’s an excellent means of transportation. You can’t just hog it for yourself!”(Rupert)

“...You bunch of bean sprouts.”(Dominic)

“... What? You...”(Rupert)

“What? You wanna go?”(Dominic)

“Bring it on! Let’s go!”(Rupert)

On that day, a part of the Knight Order headquarters was suddenly destroyed in a simulated battle between the Knight Order and the Magic Division over a strategy draft and an equipment purchase application. The Magic Division commander and the Knight Order commander soon issued written apologies to the King.

Chapter 71: The World Alliance Cabinet Meeting

Kingdom of Dahm.

It's a country in which Shin stopped by the other day, and where the Church of Creation's headquarters were located before the founding of Holy Nation Y.

During the Three Powers Talks, it was decided that the cabinet meeting of the World Alliance will be held at the Old Empire, a location right next to the "Demon Territory and is relatively close to the Three Powers' countries.

When the "Demon Territory Recapture Strategy" gets approved, it will become the official signing of the World Alliance at the same time.

The contents of signing the World Alliance is almost decided.

[The fate of the human race depends on the cooperation of every country. In addition, we will act as one, and we will not ask for any kind of compensation during this operation.]

For example, if the troops of Country A were saved by a unit of Country B, Country B cannot demand a reward from Country A.

Yes, humanity is united against the demons and devils right now, but unless plans are made, there might be problems amongst humans after the war.

The "Demon Territory Recapture Strategy" is yet to be decided.

A large number of people have been selected.

Each nation's army will subdue demons that spread throughout the demon territory, subjugate the devils living there and aim for the imperial capital.

With that as our goal, we assembled the coalition, but now the question is: "Which country shall we make our base?"

Supply chains. In particular, how do we supply Els and Ys whose borders don't touch the demon territory?

What chain of command will the Alliance forces follow?

There is a lot of things that have to be discussed.

Right now, the devils aren't making a move.

However, because there were two attacks in last time, nobody thinks they've given up. Instead, they think it's a preparatory period for the devils' next invasion.

Therefore, there are many things to discuss on the agenda, but there is not enough time to talk about all of them.

Every country representative racked their brains off trying to figure it all out.

Then, the representatives of seven countries: Earlshyde, Swedes, Dahm, Karnan, Kurt, Els and Ys have gathered in one of the temples in Dahm Kingdom. Finally, the meeting has started.

"I am the military head of the Earlshyde Kingdom, Dominic Gastaule. Thank you for answering Earlshyde's call. Currently, we humans are in a position where our very existence is threatened by a mass outbreak of devils and their raids. However we humans aren't hopeless. Based on that I would like to continue our discussion."(Dominic)

For starters, the meeting began with a greeting by Dominic, the representative of Earlshyde Kingdom, which proposed the Alliance.

"Since we cannot predict the devils attacks, we only created a rough draft. I'd like you all to decide if you approve of it, is that all right?"(Dominic)

"That means you have already made a draft?"

A representative from another country asked Dominic a question.

"Yes. Obviously, if we haven't done a draft, then the discussion would only be prolonged. I would like you all to take a look at the rough draft."(Dominic)

When Dominic said that, the aides distributed documents of the draft to the country representatives.

And the reactions of representatives who looked over it were divided in two.

There are expressions of consent and expressions of surprise.

"D-Director Dominic! Are you serious!?"

Remarked "Great" Bishop Makina, who was present at the Three Power Talks

as the representative of Ys.

Makina was a bishop at the time of the Three Power Talks, but was promoted to archbishop as a result of his predecessor Fuller's failure.

That archbishop Makina raised his doubts about what is stated in the strategy draft.

"Of course I am serious, and I am convinced this is for the best."(Dominic)

"But this is... Aren't they only fifteen to sixteen-year-old children? That is..."(Makina)

Then his eyes drop to the strategy draft again.

"[Each national army will be in charge of suppressing demons, while the subjugation of devils and disaster classes will be left to the Ultimate Magicians]!"(Makina)

However, only the representatives of Dahm agree with the remarks of Archbishop Makina while the rest of the representatives show no doubt.

"Uhm, you are?... Oh, that's right! You're Archbishop Makina. Have you not witnessed Shin in battle?"

"Surely not... Has everybody here seen it?"(Makina)

"Ah. I have."

"I also have."

"Me too."

"I too have seen it."

The Karnan Kingdom representatives declared. As well as the representatives of Swedes, Kurt, and Naval from Els.

"Didn't Naval meet them for the first time the other day?"(Makina)

"Didn't I stop by Earlsyhde on my way back? We bumped into a flock of demons on the way."(Naval)

"Is that so?"(Makina)

"Moreover... Disaster classes were mixed in."(Naval)

“Disaster class!? You’re unharmed!”(Makina)

“That’s right... The Ultimate Magicians subjugated them in the blink of an eye.”(Naval)

“I-In the blink of an eye!?”(Makina)

“It felt like they were playing a game...”(Naval)

He probably recalled that time. Naval couldn’t believe it because he was so far away.

“I am a shepherd from Karnan. This summer a mass outbreak of demonic sheep occurred. I was prepared for a certain amount of sacrifice... Thanks to the help of those fellows, they were all quickly cut down.”

“You’re also saying in the blink of an eye...”(Makina)

Galland is a shepherd. However in the kingdom of Karnan, a national shepherd is a highly prestigious position, and among them, he is the one that bears the responsibility of nurturing the nation’s sheep, and in addition, he is familiar with Shin so he was chosen as Karnan’s representative.

“There is no mistake. We’re used to hunting disaster classes from time to time. They decided on who will subjugate them by drawing lots.”(Galland)

“D-D-drawing lots!?”(Makina)

“Normally the loser would be made to subjugate the disaster class, right? The child that won the lots was ecstatic.”(Galland)

Those who knew them wore bitter smiles since they could easily imagine the sight, but there was one person present that didn’t know them at all.

“A drawing lots to subjugate a disaster class, something that needs an entire military to subjugate!? How imprudent!”

Ralph Portman, representative of this meeting’s host country, Dahm Kingdom.

“Why would you place such imprudent people at the center of this vital strategy? I object!”(Ralph)

Ralph of Dahm Kingdom opposed the strategy that focused on them because

they drew lots on the battlefield.

“What did you say Ralph? Does that mean you have an alternate plan?”(Dominic)

“If we stand united, we can overcome any hardship!”(Ralph)

“No, I will only consider a grounded plan based on concrete reasons.”(Dominic)

“T-that is...”(Ralph)

“You don’t have any?”(Dominic)

“B-but! Does everyone else agree with making such unscrupulous people the center of our strategy!?”(Ralph)

“I agree.”

“Emilio!”(Ralph)

The next to speak was the Representative of Swedes Kingdom, Emilio.

He and Ralph knew each other from an exchange in the upper echelons concerning a neighboring country.

“Have you ever met them?”(Emilio)

“No... I didn’t...”(Ralph)

“I met them in person. They rushed to our crisis before anything else and repelled the devils. However, they regretted the fact there were victims and issued an apology. Even if they’re from another country, I am unable to see an unscrupulous person there.”(Emilio)

“...”(Ralph)

Emilio is the military head who accompanied Shin to his audience with the Swedes king.

Ralph can’t say anything to Emilio’s remarks for he has met them in person.

“I also met them in person and didn’t get that impression of them.”(Kurt rep)

Consequently, Kurt’s representative follows up.

“I saw them fight myself... To be honest I understand what representative

Naval says.”(Kurt rep)

“You can understand!? What do you mean by that!?”(Ralph)

Ralph bites at the words of Kurt’s representative when he says he can understand why they drew lots.

“Disaster class demons aren’t even worthy opponents to them. Is that how it actually is?”(Ralph)

“It was instant death. If I didn’t witness that scene, I would think it was dangerous as well.”(Galland)

“I guess.”(Ralph)

“I think so as well.”(Kurt rep)

Although he said it was instant death, Galland, the representative of Karnan, managed to convince the representative of Kurt. If you look, Emilio is nodding as well.

“For them, a disaster class is not an opponent worth despairing over. It’s an opponent they can stop with one hand. When you see them fight, you will be convinced.”(Emilio)

“Disaster class with one hand...”(Ralph)

The words of Kurt’s representative sent Ralph into thought.

And when he found a breakthrough, he grinned.

“...Those who wield such dangerous power... Can you trust them? Aren’t the partners to ones we must defeat?”(Ralph)

The meeting place stirred to that extreme remark.

Certainly, the power to indifferently instakill a nightmarish opponent would seem incredibly preposterous.

Ralph regarded the Ultimate Magicians who held such power as dangerous.

Dominic understands the magnitude of their powers, and Dominic is also aware of how much Disseum and Augusto struggle to keep their powers from being dangerous.

Without knowing their hardship, he started becoming angry at Ralph who spoke thoughtlessly...

“You don’t know anything that he right to say that.”(Naval)

It was Els’ representative Naval that responded.

“To be frank, I had that impression too.”(Naval)

“That’s right! Then...”(Ralph)

“I asked them about it myself. Do you want to conquer the world? Please tell me.”(Naval[2])

To those Naval’s words, the venue stirred again with shouts of [“What did he say!? What!”]

“He just casually answered: [“I don’t want to do something so troublesome.”].”(Naval)

To those words, a collective sigh of relief leaked out.

Because most people here have seen a glimpse of Shin’s power, ant they are well aware that if he had such ambitions there would be no way of stopping him.

“He also said that [“It’s our mission to make a peaceful world for the children that will be born in the future.”].”(Naval)

“Is that so?... He said something like that.”(Dominic)

Dominic heard about Shin’s true intentions for the first time.

He is the General of the Knight Order and thus has little contact with the magician Shin.

They are not wielding their power for the sake of selfish desires, but for the sake of the future generation of humans.

The resolve that resonated through Naval’s words calmed the anger he felt from Ralph’s thoughtless words.

“It’s sophistry! To entrust yourselves to such a flimsy remark!”(Ralph)

“Ralph! What the hell is wrong with you!?”(Makina)

“Ma-Makina...”(Ralph)

“I haven’t seen them in battle, but I have met them in person. I recognize that they have an excellent personality. He considered the evil deeds of the great criminal Fuller as Fuller’s own responsibility and didn’t refer to it as Ys’ crime. It was a case so serious, that he would’ve been able to antagonize Ys.”(Makina)

“S-surely it’s a part of his calculations...”(Ralph)

“In the first place, Dominic. Aren’t they the hope of mankind?”(Makina)

“That’s right. A devil is stronger than a disaster class. There seems to be... Around 50 of them left.”(Dominic)

“There are 50 existences stronger than the disaster class... This is really a crisis for humanity...”(Galland)

Galland seems to have gotten dizzy from the estimated strength and number of devils, while Emilio added a comment.

“But... When I saw them for the first time there were around a hundred of them. Given that...”(Emilio)

“To reduce them by fifty...”(Ralph)

The devils who originally numbered a hundred decreased by half.

It’s because Shin subjugated them.

“To that number of those opponents, you can only feel despair. However, if we leave it in the hands of the Ultimate Magicians cutting them down, then it is not a pipe dream. Indeed, they are the hope for humanity.”(Dominic)

“Hope of humanity... Certainly, it’s just like that...”(Makina)

Dominic spoke, and Makina was convinced.

“But! Makina, you were initially against this strategy at the beginning!”(Ralph)

“What I objected to was pushing the heavy responsibility onto 15 to 16-year-old children while we adults take it easy, wasn’t it? It was.”(Makina)

“Well... Honestly, it’s a deplorable tactic.”(Ralph)

“Even if there is a gigantic gap between our abilities...”(Emilio)

Galland and Emilio, who have lived for almost twice longer than Shin, wanted to express their frustration but Naval spoke.

“However, since fundamentally only those children can solve this problem, can anyone else find a solution?”(Naval)

“It’s like the Els merchant says. But that would mean we’re using them...”(Dominic)

“Naturally. If we hold back, will it end in human extinction or a funny story?”(Naval)

Naval says that if Shin has the ability to solve a problem it’s only natural to rely on that ability.

At the time of the trip to the Three Power Talks. He was only thinking of how to drag out favorable conditions from Earlshyde. However, after witnessing Shin’s ability and determination on the way to Earlshyde, and from business talks with the Walford Company tied with Earlshyde, he seems to now back the Ultimate Magicians.

And Makina was hesitant to leave the core of the strategy in the hands of young people, but he was not saying Shin was dangerous.

Ralph, who believed Makina would oppose the plan, had a face as if he was betrayed.

“Why does Ralph oppose this strategy to this extent? Speaking of the Ultimate Magicians, among their members are Ms. Claude hailed as the [Saint] and the Magic King Walford who is now being called the [Messenger of God] is that it?”(Naval)

“I...!”(Ralph)

I don’t like it! Ralph swallowed the words he wanted to say.

Because it’s an emotional argument, clearly a personal matter, what’s more Makina the Archbishop of the Church of Creation begun to accept the plan.

Dahm and Ys are different countries, but in the past, the main temple of the Church of Creation was located in this country, and the influence of the church is strong, Dahm is in a subconscious vassal relationship to the top echelons of

Ys.

Ralph the representative of Dahm, used to use honorific [Mr.] when addressing Makina as the representative of another country, but he understands their positions. (TN: Since I generally don't include honorifics this kinda doesn't make much sense.)

Thinking about Archbishop Makina's intentions of a spiritually superior country, Ralph swallowed his words.

But Ralph doesn't like the titles of those two Ultimate Magicians.

The title of [Saint] attached to Sicily was the title assigned to the current pope before she rose to her position, it's maddening to call someone by the former title of the pope her reveres, as for Shin's [Messenger of God], a god who is an absolute existence. The title [Messenger of God] should not be a title given away so thoughtlessly.

However, people began calling them those names without their consent, and in fact the [Messenger of God] was the impression Sieg once felt, and as did other people, those titles spread rapidly.

Ralph couldn't forgive anyone who isn't a part of the Church of Creation's clergy to be called those names.

To place Shin as the cornerstone of the strategy goes against that, as well as the unscrupulous attitude of having a lottery during battle, but the largest reason was the two titles.

He couldn't accept Shin's [Messenger of God] in particular.

However, within the Church of Creation, there is a general approval of those two titles.

Regarding the Saint, as a former saint, the pope cared for her as her own child, and the unprecedented declaration that, she will take care of her wedding as soon as the crisis is over.

As for the Messenger of God. In time where humanity is in need, where a lot of devils showed up, he suddenly appeared with the ability to compete against them, could it be that Shin actually is just that?

There are many in the Church of Creation that seems to think so.

[When humanity is facing extinction Our God sent a messenger]

However, [many] are saying that not [all].

Ralph wasn't a priest, but a pious believer, one of the minorities that couldn't tolerate the titles of Saint and Messenger of God.

"It's too much responsibility for that youth to bear... But there's certainly no other trump cards we human beings have... It seems like I have no choice but to approve of this strategy..."(Makina)

"So we all agree on the rough draft of the strategy? After that is the matter of supplies, placements..."(Dominic)

Archbishop Makina ended up accepting the strategy after all and Ralph wasn't able to say anything anymore.

Thanks to the draft prepared by Dominic, the meeting negotiations went smoothly.

Because a consensus was reached, the troop placements, supply lines, etc... the "Demon Territory Recapture Strategy" was approved.

At last, it was time to finalize the World Alliance.

Finally, a sense of relief was felt upon reaching the starting point, relaxed atmosphere swept over the meeting room with only Ralph left in a bad mood.

Makina was concerned about his attitude throughout the meeting, so he came up to Ralph.

"Ralph. What on earth were you thinking? You were pouting the whole meeting. You are sent here on the behalf of your country, is that the proper attitude to have?"(Makina)

"...I'm sorry. I'll be careful from now on."(Ralph)

As he said that, Ralph left the conference hall in a hurry.

His aide and escort hurried after him with confusion visible on their faces.

They accepted the titles of Saint and Messenger of God. It seems they couldn't believe it was their representative who opposed the Ultimate

Magicians involvement.

“Good grief... To be that reckless...”(Makina)

By his reaction to the words Saint and Messenger of God, Makina understood Ralph objected to those two titles.

However, the majority of the church tolerates it, and the Dahm King should tolerate it as well.

Ralph’s behavior at this meeting could be seen as going rogue.

“I hope he doesn’t cause unnecessary problems...”(Makina)

Makina sighed while looking at the door Ralph went out of.

Chapter 72: I couldn't turn back anymore

Shortly after Mr. Olgrand joined us for the demon subjugation, the cabinet meeting in question was held

At that meeting, the strategy to capture the demonic territory was agreed upon, and the signing ceremony as well as the departure ceremony were conducted simultaneously. The situation is finally moving into its final stage.

At the meeting it was also decided that the territory surrounding the demon territory will be divided equally between Els and Ys.

Because Earlshyde is the major power with the greatest number of soldiers, we will provide reinforcements.

The Ultimate Magicians will be divided into 4 teams of three people each and sent to provide aid to the army surrounding the demon territory.

To further clarify, the Ultimate Magicians aren't counted as Earlshyde's forces.

At first glance, it seems to be disadvantageous for Earlshyde, but it's not.

The Earlshyde Magic Division has implemented and will publish a thesis through the Institute of Magic: "If you increase how much and how precisely you control your magic, its power will rise and you'll be able to use chantless magic."

This is an undeniable fact, however, as it takes time to gather statistics, the Earlshyde Magic Division is the only one practicing it at the moment.

As a result, the other countries will acquire equal power in time, but for now, the Magic Division of Earlshyde Kingdom is stronger than other countries Magic Divisions, and they've been assigned to discretely reinforce Els and Ys.

The same is true for the Knight Order. While they don't have vibrating swords, they are conducting battle drills everyday using jet boots, which is one step ahead of the other countries.

Because of the official integration by the Earlshyde Knight Order, a mass order

for jet boots have arrived at the Walford Company from nearly every country.

In addition to the being introduced by the Magic Division, it seems that the jet boots are becoming a trend in military equipment of the world.

Thus the Bean Smithy is hard at work constructing thousands of jet boots.

... I have to thank Mr. Bean for his work once again... I'll feel bad if I don't give him a bonus...

Now you can even see people from the knight and the magic divisions flying in the air from time to time.

It seems that there are many people who fly in the complete opposite direction that they intended to go in...

Still, it looks like they're somehow finding their form.

Err, everyone's delicate eyes are attracted to my magic tools...

"I don't understand what I can and can't sell in this world."(Shin)

"What's that all of a sudden?"(August)

Gus, who was summarizing the details of the meeting, casually asked me.

He told me the results of the meeting, and I answered by saying I don't know what I can and can't sell.

"No. I never thought I would be selling so many jet boots."(Shin)

"Hm. I would be willing to try anything that might increase our total fighting power. We do live in a crucial time period."(August)

"That's the way it is."(Shin)

"However, if it's officially adopted by every countries' military, there may be increased popularity with the general public. It may just be a matter of time until "Airball" becomes popular."(August)

"Good. It won't be unfair if it spreads to other countries. Then the dreams of a World Cup, National League, Champions league, and so on won't be dreams anymore."(Shin)

But like everything, it will have to wait till after the demon crisis has ended.

However, wouldn't it be great if we could provide entertainment to people who are suffering from great stress.

"As the organizer your assets will increase exponentially yet again. Just how much money do you intend to earn?"

"...It's no use..."(Shin)

"In any case, since we're talking about luxury. If you surround yourself with all those assets, will you surround yourself with mistresses as well?"(August)

"Hey! What are you saying..."(Shin)

Pikiri.

Brrrrr... A very strong chill drifts from the door.

It's not a metaphor, it's freezing!

"...Shin... Will you keep a mistress?"(Sicily)

I heard Sicily say that with a frozen smile on her face that matches the cold air.



This atmosphere... It's exactly like Irene!

“Never! I wouldn’t even think about something like that, not in the least bit!”(Shin)

“Is that so?”(Sicily)

“That’s right!”(Shin)

“...Then it’s fine.”(Sicily)

Without hesitation I put together words of denial.

If I hesitate to say something here... Just thinking about it is scary.

Pure power aside, I think I can never win against Sicily mentally.

“Kukuku. How desperate.”(August)

“Gus! You bastard! This is because you said those baseless accusations! A catastrophe almost happened thanks to you!”(Shin)

A catastrophe in the relationship between me and Sicily!

“Hah, it was merely a hypothetical. Along with the power to take over the world, you have enough wealth that you can’t spend it all even if you wanted to. On top of that, your bride is the beautiful Saint. The more talented you are, the more you’re a target of envy.”(August)

“R-really?”(Shin)

“That’s right. Since that’s the case, just like now, baseless rumors will pop up left and right. It was a rehearsal.”(August)

“Is that so...”(Shin)

Gus was worried about me...

“Don’t be fooled Shin. This is just his Highness’ prank.”(Thor)

“Thor, why did you expose me?”(August)

“Return the heartwarming feeling I just felt!”(Shin)

Truly! This guy!

“Speaking of becoming famous, what happened to you-know-what, Your Highness?”(Alice)

As usual, when I try to interrogate Gus, someone always interrupts me.

The You-know-what?

“Big talk, Shin’s story will become a book!”(Shin)

...I had completely forgotten...

After that case in the Swedes Kingdom, I was dragged into all sorts of strife.

I wonder if they’ve already gathered enough anecdotes...

“Oh, that thing...”(August)

“What about it?”(Shin)

“It will be released next week.”(August)

“I thought they didn’t have enough anecdotes!?”(Shin)

Released next week!? That’s way too soon!

“Don’t worry. Your real character was removed, it’s written that you are a possessor of pure heroism who aspires to save the world.”(August)

“Well, if that’s the case... Wait, is my personality unsuitable!?”(Shin)

Surely, this has to be by mistake!

“I read the manuscript, and I burst out laughing.”(August)

“Why did you burst out laughing if it became a heroic story!”(Shin)

What does that mean!?

“Sorry Shin. I... Huff... Laughed...”(Thor)

“I thought my abdominal muscles would break.”(Julius)

Even Thor and Julius!

“...I wonder what kind of story it is.”(Rin)

“Your highness, your highness! Can’t we read it before it’s released!?”(Alice)

“I thought you’d say that.”(August)

While saying that, Gus took something out of the Different Dimension Storage.

“Here is a chapter of the book.”(August)

It was a chapter of the book before the release.

There are even 13 copies of them.

One for everyone including the teacher.

“First, Shin. This is your story.”(Shin)

He said that and handed me the chapter.

For some reason an applause rang out.

I took it from Gus’ hands

Ooooh...I don’t want to read it!

“Next is Claude. There’s probably a lot written about you as well.

“T-thank you...”(Sicily)

Sicily also has a non-descript expression.

I wonder how embarrassed she is...

“Next is Messina. You also appear quite a lot. This will make you even more famous so be careful not to get caught by some strange man.”(August)

“I know. I know.”(Maria)

Maria has been my friend since I came to the capital. It’s likely she’ll appear a number of times.

After that, the rest was distributed at the same time because the rest have pretty much the same parts.

...Gus’ fellows became restless...

Since the first lesson was magical practice, we decided to read the book during it just so that everyone completes it. A copy was also give to Mr. Alfred who appeared for homeroom.

However...

“Hahahaha! Who!? Oi!?”(Alice)

Alice bursts out laughing...

“‘Grandfather. I want to use this power for the sake of world peace.’ He said... ‘Grandfather’? ‘I’?”(Maria) (TN: Japan and their many ways of addressing people.)

Maria is reading while her shoulders are trembling.

“I must not laugh. Look at this ‘August. If it’s of any use, I’ll lend you my strength anytime. Our friendship is forever.’ He said... fufufufu. Hahahaha!”(Yuri)

Yuri bursts out laughing imagining me saying those words.

“Wow, I... I didn’t say anything like this...”(Sicily)

Sicily is also writhing from the words her character in the book spoke.

“I was born to meet you. This heart and body are all yours.” These are also lines I’ve never heard before.

“Huf... Walford you... My sides seem to be broken...”(Rin)

Rin, who I thought was reading calmly until now, ends up saying something like that.

However, since this is something that happened plot-wise, it’s difficult to make a strong argument against the content, and the release day is so soon.

They can’t change the lines now.

Really... This will go out into the world...

When I think that this will be read by someone I know, I want to die.

“Well, only a handful of people reading this book can laugh like us now. Ninety-nine out of a hundred people reading this will be moved by the story and will think Shin Walford is a kind-hearted hero that desires world peace.”(August)

Well, that’s true...

“Did you make up this story to manipulate my public image?”(Shin)

I know the editing was done by Earlsyhde Kingdom. Did they hire a writer to write it like this?

Given that we need to raise morale because we'll be fighting the final battle against the devils from now on.

Even if you show the power to subjugate a demon, you would probably want to set a good impression so that you're not feared.

Truly... The Earlshyde royal family caring so much about that...

"Oh, it's was completely made up by the writer. When we read this, my entire family and I burst out laughing. Only May was reading this with sparkling eyes. Well, I gave them permission, so that people wouldn't have a bad impression of Shin."(August)

"Shit! Return my optimistic attitude towards you!"

It was a coincidence!

Really! These royals!

I empathised with Grandpa's feelings when I read my own book thinking "Whose story is this?" when I finished reading I found out that there was a "A New Hero's Story" book releasing next month.

I mean "A New Hero's Story" is...

Because it's a continuation of Grandpa's book "A Hero's Story"...

"Well, I didn't I would be roaring with laughter like that. Will that be the case just for this class?"(Alfred)

Like everyone, Professor Alfred finished reading the book and couldn't help but laugh.

I was surprised my homeroom teacher Alfred had such an impression of me, but when I think about it, Professor Alfred wasn't involved in many of the incidents.

Even if you're someone that's not directly acquainted to me...

What's written in this book is true, and they'll believe I'm really that person.

Somehow... It's scary because everyone will imagine a Shin Walford that's different from the real one.

But isn't that what's supposed to happen when one becomes famous?

Even in my past life, older entertainers, at the time it was ah, for example, it was revealed what wasn't expected at the time.

"Therefore. People in the future will recognize Shin as a heroic thinker. So act a little more prudently."(August)

"...Somehow, I feel like I'm being more and more restrained..."(Shin)

"Give it up. It means that you've become world-famous."(August)

... Just now I've heard Gus say something I shouldn't overlook!?

"...World-famous?"(shin)

"Oh. This book will be sold 'worldwide'."(August)

...

...That's a lie! Right?

"Huh!? Why!? Why is a book from Earlshyde being released worldwide!?"(Shin)

"Isn't that natural? Your grandparents are world-famous heroes. Isn't this their grandchild's story? People from all over the world want to read it. I mean we already received orders from every country through communication machines. The first edition has already been shipped to every country. It should have been delivered to most of the countries by now"(August)

People from all over the will world read this...

"I wanted to have it ready for the demon territory recapture operation. Wouldn't it be too late after the battle is over?"(August)

"You don't have to worry about something like that..."(Shin)

Certainly, it's meaningless unless the information manipulation happens before the battle begins. But... my heart isn't ready!

"Rather than Earlshyde, we should inform other countries that Shin is not a dangerous existence. Give up your resistance. It's futile."(August)

If that's the case... I don't want to get any more famous...

While watching Shin become depressed that his story will not only be released in Earlshyde but across the world, Thor talked to August.

“Your highness is a bad person. Was it not your highness that ordered the writer to write those lines that won’t leave a bad impression of Shin?”(Thor)

“...Is that right?”(August)

“That’s right.”(Thor)

Thor and Julius knew that the heroic mindset of wanting world peace was written directed by August’s instructions and not by chance.

“...Will you tell Shin?”(August)

“Hehe, are you worried?”(Thor)

“It reached the point where I should say it... Thor.”(Julius)

“Oh, I’m sorry. Were you influenced by Shin?”(Thor)

“...Well, it’s fine. I want Shin to be in a good mood when he finds out. By any chance, can’t you let him think the content ended up like that accidentally?”(August)

“Your highness is a liar.”(Thor)

It will probably be awkward if August doesn’t tell Shin the fact that the accident was his doing.

Given that feeling, Thor and Julius were watching August with melancholy eyes.

From a young age, these two were chosen to be the Prince’s bodyguards, and they have grown up together, but that relationship still had a distance.

However, recently these two are losing their hesitation in front of August.

For August it was a favorable change but...

“You guys... are poisoned by Shin...”(August)

August sighed as he thought they were influenced by Shin a bit too much.

Chapter 73: I listened to a rallying speech

Several days after, the Ministerial Conference was held. Since we don't know when the devils will attack again, as soon as the demon territory recapture strategy was agreed upon, people from the various countries gathered again in the Dahm Kingdom.

Instead of cabinet ministers, this time, the line-up is made up of the sovereigns of each country.

In a manner of speaking, it's the world's first world summit.

In fact, it's actually called the World Summit.

At the first World Summit, the signing ceremony of the world coalition and the departure ceremony of the demon territory recapture strategy will be carried out at the same time.

As the entire coalition army can't fit into the Dahm Kingdom, only the sovereigns and the upper echelons of the military will be present for the departure ceremony to effcize the process.

The declaration of the ceremony will be simultaneously broadcasted to all of the allied countries via a communication device.

Magic loudspeaker tools are set up with the communication equipment in every country, so every countries' army and people will be able to listen to the declaration.

After listening to the declaration, each nation's army will proceed to invade the demon territory.

This will also be the first broadcast in which the same message is delivered to all of the countries at once.

The Dahm Kingdom is in a state of emergency because the sovereigns of the other six countries will be visiting their nation.

There will be strict identity checks through roadblocks, and if one doesn't have a proof of citizenship, they'll immediately be restrained.

Well, it is the first World Summit and only the sovereigns will attend.

If an act of terrorism occurs, the damage it would cause could turn the world upside down.

You would expect all the security measures to be flawless.

I was watching the tranquil scenery of the Dahm Capital from the window of a room on the upper floor of the Dahm Cathedral that was assigned to the Ultimate Magicians.

“Haa, It’s incredible. The people of Dahm Kingdom are long past being on edge; they’re in an uproar.”(Shin)

“It’s no wonder all countries are participating, and it’s not just the monarchs of each country that is coming, but the Pope of the Church of Creation is gracing us with her presence too. If something happens here, the world will face a crisis completely different than the devils.”(August)

Gus responds to my murmurs. He seems to be speaking calmly, but I understand that he’s unusually excited.

For the first time in history, the head of state from every country has assembled.

Of course, the world can’t only be seven countries. It spreads out beyond Els and Ys, and there seems to be another continent.

This time, only the countries adjacent to the former empire, the current demon territory, and the ones that stand to be the most damaged have gathered together, however, the gathering of sovereigns was not thought of until now. The upper echelons of each country will be gathered for the first time in this cathedral.

This time the main agenda is the signing of the World Coalition but various behind the scenes talks are planned.

Perhaps with this, some gears might start turning.

Perhaps the World Summit will be held regularly in the future.

It’s impossible for a person not to be excited when attending such a historic first diplomatic meeting.

“Anyway, at the moment neither chaos nor an uproar has occurred, so it seems like this meeting will end without an incident.”(August)

“I hope it will.”(Shin)

“What is it? Do you have something to worry about?”(August)

“No...”(Shin)

Gus’ articulation is bad for some reason.

I wonder what is it? Gus always whispers black remarks with a straight face...

Does he have a girl on his mind?

“Ah... To tell the truth...”(August)

When Gus finally started to speak, there was a knock on the door.

“Yes?”

“Excuse me. W-well! There is a person that wishes to meet the Ultimate Magicians!”(Guard)

The soldier that is in charge of guarding the room told us there was a visitor. The soldier’s voice seemed to be very tense.

He’s a part of the Imperial Guard in Earlshyde, so if it was Uncle Dis his tone would be different, given that he got used to him. Who could it be?

“Hm. Who wishes to meet us?”

“Her Holiness Pope Ekatarina of the Holy Country Ys.”

The Pope of the Church of Creation!?

Why is such an esteemed person coming to this room!? She is the sovereign of a country, but most of the people in this world are believers of the Church of Creation, so if the Pope shows up, of course, any sane person would be nervous.

“Understood. Please let her in immediately.”(August)

“Certainly.”(Guard)

Then the current Pope of the Church of Creation, Ekatarina, showed up.

A woman in her late thirties dressed in a white canonical robe that is not spectacular but gives off a holy impression entered.

It’s a woman with platinum hair, blue eyes, and a charming soft smile that gives those who see it a feeling of security.

She has succeeded the position of Pope quite young.

“This is the first time I’ve had the pleasure of meeting Your Highness Prince Augusto. I’m the representative of the Holy Country Ys and the one who holds the position of Pope in the Church of Creation. My name is Ekatarina Von Prussia.”(Ekatarina)

“How polite. This is indeed our first meeting. I am Augusto Von Earlshyde of the Earlshyde Kingdom. And this...”(August)

Gus points to us with his hand. I also have to give my name.

“This is our first time meeting as well. I’m the representative of the Ultimate Magicians, Shin Walford.”(Shin)

Was that introduction okay? As I was second-guessing myself, Pope Ekatarina

called out to me with a soft smile.

“So it’s you... You are ‘The messenger of God’ Shin Walford.”(Ekatarina)

“T-The messenger of God?”(Shin)

What is that? “The messenger of God”, that’s such an over-exaggerated way of speaking again!

“Demon King” and now this. My list of horrid aliases is getting too crowded!

“The appearance of the devils exactly at this time in the world... It’s a threat to all of humanity. However, at such a dire time, Mr. Walford, who holds the greatest ability in the history of mankind, has appeared. We believe you’re an angel sent by God.”(Ekatarina)

“Um, You’re overestimating me...”(Shin)

“Really? I don’t think it’s necessarily wrong though?”(Ekatarina)

I was shocked by those words.

Certainly, I’m in a special situation.

Not only do I have memories of my past life, but it’s also from a different world. If there really is a God, maybe he reincarnated my soul in this world for some purpose... I can see why she would think that.

No way... Does this person know that...

“The magic you use is quite special, so I thought that perhaps...”(Ekatarina)

“Haha... You’re mistaken. I didn’t receive any instructions from God.”(Shin)

Did I manage to gloss it over somehow? The Pope seems to seriously think I’m a messenger from God because of the special magic I use.

I wonder if should confirm this feeling?

Still “The Messenger of God”... I wonder how long I was called that for.

“And then... Who might you be?”(Ekatarina)

When the Pope said that she looked over to Sicily who was next to me.

“It’s our first time meeting. I am Sicily Von Claude.”(Sicily)

“Oh dear! I was right after all! I am finally able to meet you!”(Ekatarina)

That reminds me, the Pope used to be called a Saint a long time ago, so now she’s presumably very worried about Sicily currently being called the same title she once owned.

I could tell that her excitement shot up upon being able to meet Sicily. She takes Sicily’s hand and smiles.

“Hey. Are you all right? Isn’t it noisy to constantly hear ‘Despite being a saint’

and ‘Act like a saint!’ from your surroundings?”(Ekatarina)

“E-err. Not particularly...”(Sicily)

“Really? At any rate, back when I was called ‘the Saint,’ my surroundings were very noisy. I don’t remember calling myself the ‘Saint’ of my own accord, but they nagged me into accepting it...”(Ekatarina)

Surprisingly she didn’t like the title of Saint?

“Although love, marriage and childbirth aren’t banned for a priest, they are all banned for the Saint... Even though my surrounding court ladies got married and retired one after another... Even so Fuller continued his disgusting approach...”(Ekatarina)

Somehow... The darkness in the Pope’s heart... It’s unexpectedly spitting out malice...

“As for me... People began to call me that after I became engaged to Shin. Besides, I’m not a part of the clergy...”(Sicily)

“Oh yes! That’s it! I came to officially tell you that I will personally take care of your wedding ceremony after this strategy action ends!”(Ekatarina)

... It was officially decided... Is that so...

In addition to the release of my book, to have my wedding ceremony conducted by the Pope herself... Once again I’m attracting attention...

“Fufu. I read it, Mr. Walford.” (Ekatarina)

While saying that she took out the “A New Hero’s Story” from a Different Dimension Storage.

“Wha!? T-that is... I’m sorry...”(Shin)

It spread to a person like that...

“It was a splendid story. The aspirations but also the romance with Claude. After reading this book, I was proud to be able to hold the wedding of two heroes.”(Ekatarina)

She says that while looking at Sicily and deepening her smile.

This is... A real saint... Having followers all over the world and at the top of the world’s largest religion.

Carried along by the expression full of affection that could very well be called “Holy Mother” at this point, both Sicily and I started smiling.

“However, if I hold the ceremony only for the Walfords, there may be people that will say all sorts of things, so would His Highness Augusto approve of a joint

wedding ceremony?”(Ekatarina)

“Of course. If I don’t take you up on that offer, there would be trouble.”(August)

I would definitely appreciate that, so that nobody will say things like “he is above the Crown Prince!” either.

“Thank you, Your Holiness. My fiancée, Elizabeth, will be delighted.”(August)

“His Highness Augusto is also a supporter who understands those two. Ufufu, this book will definitely be a bestseller. It’s a great pleasure as the Pope of the Church of Creation and as a fan of this book to be able to perform the wedding ceremonies of two pairs of heroes.”(Ekatarina)

Occasionally a material motive snuck in. I can see why the Holy Country Ys and the followers of the Church of Creation love her so much.

“Well, I already told you the issue at hand, so I’m going to leave soon.

Tomorrow is the signing ceremony and the departure ceremony of the World Union. Let’s all try our best to return peace to this world.”(Ekatarina)

“Yes, by all means.”(August)

When Gus responded vigorously, the Pope smiled and left the room.

“...Haaa ...I never would’ve thought the Pope would come by...”(August)

Indeed even August seems to be nervous.

She is the sovereign of the Holy Country Ys but at the same time the head of the Church of Creation. Anyone in the world would be nervous meeting a figure like that.

“Shin wasn’t very nervous...”(Sicily)

Sicily sighs next to me and mutters. She was similarly tense, apparently.

“Well, I told you this before, but I didn’t even know there were religions until I came to the Kingdom. I can’t really imagine how venerated that Pope lady is supposed to be.”(Shin)

““That Pope lady’...”(Maria)

“You should absolutely never say that in the presence of a priest!”(Sicily)

Maria was amazed, and Sicily warned me in a panic.

“I know, I know.”(Shin)

“Really? If it’s Shin, he might say “that Pope lady” or “Ekaterina” in front of Her Holiness herself.”(August)

“Well, to be fair, I’m not that clueless about manners...”(Shin)

When I say that, everyone directs suspicious gazes at me.

...Huh? They think I'm impolite?

"When we see your attitude towards His Highness and His Majesty..."(Maria)

"Shin, your manners are just fine! Probably."(August)

"How rude! I at least know that much!"(Shin)

Because I'm treating Uncle Dis as an uncle and Gus as a cousin, I don't know how to address them respectfully.

Otherwise, I'm properly courteous!

"In any case, please address the Pope properly in public. Please."(Sicily)

If Sicily asks me, there's no helping it. Let's call the Pope 'Your Holiness' in public.

"...Little by little, Sicily has completely domesticated you."(Maria)

I ignored Maria's impolite remark.

Ekatarina, the Pope of the Church of Creation, returned to her room after visiting the Ultimate Magicians' room.

The attendant priest who followed Ekatarina asked about the previous encounter.

"How was he? Shin Walford."(Attendant)

"Oh, well. As expected, Earlshyde Kingdom considerably tampered with his personality when editing the book... He doesn't seem to be like that. Aside from his wording, the ambition isn't there."(Ekatarina)

"I understand."(Attendant)

"Aside from that, I noticed something."(Ekatarina)

"Is it something to be concerned about?"(Attendant)

"It's about him being the 'Messenger of God'."(Ekatarina)

"What?"(Attendant)

Meaning that rather than him as a person, Ekaterina was concerned about his status as the Messenger.

She is the head of the Church of Creation and the attendant next to her is also of a high rank and cannot deny the existence of God.

However, there is no one who actually saw God or heard his voice.

With God there, you feel him during the uneventful daily life, in a manner of

speaking, he has become a cornerstone of the heart.

However, the Pope said she is concerned about the Messenger.

“He is not a Messenger sent by God? Even if he says that... He denied it, but he was clearly shaken.”(Ekatarina)

“W-What do you mean? You don’t mean... He’s truly a messenger of God...”(Attendant)

It seems that the attendant who wasn’t there didn’t understand.

But Ekatarina, who was watching Shin carefully, could see that he was upset.

“Well, I have no idea. He told me that he did not receive any instructions from God.”(Ekatarina)

“...Did not receive any instructions... Has he.”(Attendant)

“Seems that way. Which means... Perhaps he... He might have had direct contact with the existence of God.”(Ekatarina)

“...Your Holiness.”(Attendant)

“Yes. Although it’s detestable towards Mr. Walford, this is for the sake of world peace. I will have him become a portable shrine that will unite the hearts of mankind.”(Ekatarina)

From now, there is the final meeting for the signing ceremony.

Therefore, I have to make him consent to make a certain comment.

While walking in through the corridors of the Dahm Cathedral, the Church of Creation’s Pope, Ekatarina, held onto a firm determination.

The day after meeting Ms. Ekatarina, the Pope of the Church of Creation, the signing ceremony, and the departing ceremony will be held.

The place is the Dahm Cathedral.

The signatory document will be signed by every sovereign and stored in the Dahm Cathedral.

After signing the World Union in front of the cathedral, I will perform a departure ceremony in front of the military officials and the packed crowd of various countries before Dahm Cathedral and the Devil Territory recapture strategy will begin.

Right now, the signing ceremony is being held in the cathedral.

Soon, the door of the cathedral opened and a war cry rang out.

“It’s about time.”(Shin)

“Ah. When this is over, we will return back to the peaceful world like before.
We must make sure this strategy is successful.”(August)

“Uuu... I’m getting nervous...”(Maria)

“Are you all right? Maria.”(Sicily)

Gus swears that the strategy will be a success.

Maria seems to be as tense as ever.

Sicily is watching Maria anxiously.

This time, however, Maria is on the same team as me and Sicily for deployment.

Gus is in the usual team of Gus, Thor, and Julius.

Mark and Olivia are on Tony’s team.

The last group is Alice, Rin, and Yuri.

The battle formation is decided.

The young couple of Mark and Olivia, and Tony, who has recently squeezed the special persons in his life down to one.

A group which becomes balanced by adding Yuri to the duo of Alice and Rin.

Who balances out who is a secret.

When I was thinking about the group formations, the doors of the cathedral finally opened.

From inside the Cathedral appeared the sovereigns of the seven countries side by side, and their escorts behind them.

It’s probably meant to show the significance of the World Union by walking side by side in front of their escorts.

Sensing that the time was approaching, the audience gave a big cheer.

There is also a stage set up in front of the cathedral from which the voice of the Pope Ekatarina will be heard.

It seems that it was decided that way because the citizens of other countries will be ready to honestly accept their words due to the Pope’s charismatic nature.

Ekatarina advances forward from the line of sovereigns.

We are lined up on the edge of the stage with the upper echelons of other countries, Pope Ekatarina turned to me while walking up and smiled.

...What? I have a bad feeling...

“Ladies and gentlemen. And all the allies listening to this broadcast. The time is finally at hand. It is time for us humans to oppose the devils that are trying to

take over the world!”(Ekatarina)

A great cheer arises from the crowd gathered in front of the Dahm Cathedral to the declaration of Pope Ekatarina.

Perhaps the people listening to this broadcast are the same as well.

“However there are many people who are feeling uneasy about whether we can truly subdue them.”(Ekatarina)

What? Why is she suddenly making pessimistic comments? It’s extremely bad to do that in this place...

Voices of confusion are raised amongst the audience and the upper echelons.

“But everyone, please feel at ease. God is on our side. Because God has sent a Messenger... Shin Walford!”(Ekatarina)

...

Meeeee!! What are you talking about!? I’m that person!?

“I met him directly and was convinced. He is the hope God has sent us! The girl that supports him is being called a Saint, and it was inevitable!”(Ekatarina)

Because I am the Messenger of God, does that make the Saint my companion only natural? What an outrageous theory!

“I am convinced! As long as we have the Messenger of God on our side, our victory is inevitable! Come on everyone! Let’s help him and begin a battle to bring back the peace to our world!”(Ekatarina)

When Pope Ekatarina finished speaking...

[Woooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!!!]

Cheers erupted like cannon fire.

And then Dominic, the chief strategist for this operation, is introduced to the podium.

“All troops! Sortie!”(Dominic)

The soldiers who were in front of the cathedral for the ceremony began to advance towards the outside of the wall.

Allied forces listening to this broadcast should come out all at once.

With the powerful remarks of Pope Ekatarina, the atmosphere in the venue is at its peak.

And Pope Ekatarina was looking satisfied at the sight from the stage turned back to try and return to the row.

At that time, our eyes met, and she stuck out her tongue and winked.

Te-he-he she goes! What are you smirking for!? It doesn't even suit you...

In any case, I wondered if she could make those remarks, but when I looked at Uncle Dis, he was roaring with laughter

Damn you! You approved this whole thing!

"Excellent, Shin."(Dis)

"What!"(Shin)

"Now you're a Messenger of God. You are completely recognized as an ally of humanity."(August)

"...That is... That's right but."(Shin)

"In addition..."(August)

"...What?"(Shin)

"The next volume of the book is ready."(August)

Chapter 74: And there was one victim

Due the speech of Ekatarina, the head of state of Holy Country Ys, Shin became an official “Angel of God”.

From the people that heard the speech, two of them feel anger and disappointment.

One of them was Ralph, who objected to placing Shin at the center of the strategy during the strategy meeting.

And the other one is...

“That girl... Did she just...?” (Melinda)

It's Melinda who was listening to the Pope's speech in Earlshyde.

Merlin and Melinda weren't willing to let Shin be used in politics due to his abnormal power.

However currently it's a state of emergency due to a mass outbreak of devils.

At such a time they don't intend to say they aren't allowed to depend on Shin's power.

Furthermore, Shin has clearly expressed the desire to save the world.

They can understand the desire to strategically rely on such a Shin.

So Melinda didn't object to Shin's gradual ascension into a hero and didn't oppose the publishing of a story about Shin.

But this was completely different.

This was the Pope standing atop of this world's largest religion.

The Pope has proudly declared to the World Alliance that Shin was a messenger of god.

Through that declaration some will recognize Shin as an important figure in the Church of Creation.

If that happens, people who seek to use Shin in political tactics may come out.

That was the most unforgivable thing for Merlin and Melinda.

“Kukukuku... I guess I will have to prepare quite the lecture...”(Melinda)

When her anger reached its peak, Melinda burst into laughter while the Earlshyde Queen Julia, May and Elizabeth who were listening to the speech at the departure ceremony together at venue in Earlshyde were looking at her with puzzled faces.

“Melinda is scary...”(May)

“Shh! May, what if she hears you!”(Elizabeth)

May is afraid of Melinda’s appearance which she has never seen before, and Elizabeth is really worried if Melinda heard her.

“It’s too bad but a business trip just popped up. With this I will have to take my leave.”(Melinda)

“Yes... Well, could you please not overdo it?”(Julia)

Julie anticipates the situation that will happen and asks Melinda but...

“Come on Merlin! I’m going to Dahm!”(Melinda)

Maybe she didn’t hear her or she intentionally ignored her and instead of replying to Julia, she called Merlin who became a part of the background in the corner.

“Haa... I understand. Would you like to appear at the Dahm Cathedral?”(Merlin)

Merlin said that and opened the Gate.

When she saw Merlin and Melinda disappear into the game, Julia murmured to herself.

“That girl... I wonder if she will be able to get out with her life?”(Julia)

Thanks to the earlier speech, the departure ceremony ended lively and the heads of state returned to Dahm Cathedral.

“Well, that was an excellent statement.”(Politician A)

“Umu, by recognizing Shin as the messenger of god, the rumor that we have a fighting chance has probably spread.”(Ekatarina)

“Ufufu, you did a good job for the first time in a while.”(Politician B)

The departure ceremony ended on a high note so the state leaders got swept up in a happy occasion and were celebrating.

They are the top executives of their national governments and if it's necessary they must be able to prepare a speech to rally the people.

In that sense, in order to give courage and hope to the people of the World Alliance, the aforementioned speech was splendid.

But they neglected to consider what Shin's guardians would think.

“Young giiiiirl!!!”(Melinda)

A loud shout suddenly echoed through the corridor of the Dahm Cathedral.

Escorts who heard the shout put themselves on guard for an enemy raid.

The leaders of the three world powers are here! Their bodies stiffened.

If you become a leader of a country it's common for you to be exposed to danger.

However, even the leaders of the three powers were frightened by that earlier shout.

Other leaders and escorts who saw it wondered if it is that powerful of an opponent? And the ground seems to be trembling as the threat approached...

Eventually... The owner of the voice showed up.

“Young girl... You've done it now...”(Melinda)

“M-Master!”(Ekatarina)

Among those frightened leaders, Pope Ekatarina let out a voice when she saw Melinda.

The people from the Holy Country Y were particularly surprised to hear those words.

Master.

The Pope certainly did say that.

Come to think of it they have heard something like that. When Pope Ekatarina was young woman, she left the Holy Country Y and was traveling around the countries with a party.

And the woman Ekatarina that had returned to Ys acquired a power different from normal people and was proclaimed a saint.

Certainly, that party was...

“M-m-m-m-master? W-w-w-w-why are you here?”(Ekatarina)

“Surely I wouldn’t have decided to come if I didn’t hear your playful speech!?”(Melinda)

Yes, it was a party with the Magi Merlin and Guru Melinda.

Melinda, a Guru hailed as a hero worldwide is the one Pope Ekatarina looks up to as her master.

The legend is in front of their eyes.

She is also considerably angry.

The escorts couldn’t even move because of that force and only grounds called out of their throats.

Bonk!

“OUCH!”(Ekatarina)

Nobody could move so nobody could stop and they could only watch carefully as Melinda approached Ekatarina and dropped her fist on her head.

“Wh, What are you doing!?”(Ekatarina)

“What are *you* doing! You used my grandson for something like this! Are you prepared for the consequences!?”(Melinda)

“T-That’s...”(Ekatarina)

Ekatarina knew that Shin was raised as Merlin and Melinda’s grandchild.

She knew but this was an emergency. She believed Melinda would understand and turned to Diseum for help.

“...”(Dis)

Diseum turned his face away..

“Hey! Big bro, you’re heartless!”(Ekatarina)

Being accompanied by Merlin and Melinda on her journey means that she was traveling with Diseum.

Ekatarina referred to Diseum, who was accompanying the two aforementioned people, as her older brother.

Incidentally, she refers to Julia as her older sister.

Ekatarina, betrayed by her fellow senior disciple, felt betrayed.

“W-well... Long time no see master. Er... Even is she made a mistake like that, is it really unforgivable?”(Politician A)

“Haaa!?”(Melinda)

“Hii!”(Little boy)

“Ah, what is it, little boy?”(Melinda)

“N-no master. Don’t you think I’m not a little boy anymore after I pass 40?”(Little boy over 40)

“As long as you act like a little boy you’ll be a little boy. Or do you have something to add? You think I should respect you just because you became the president of Els?”(Melinda)

“That’s not true... As expected of master...”(Little boy President of Els)

The man Melinda has been calling little boy just now is Aaron Zenith, the President of the Els Federation of Free Commerce, and the Merlin’s travel companion when he was young.

He was traveling around the country as a peddler, but was attacked by demons along the way and saved by a hair’s breadth.

As thanks for that, Zenith, who was traveling around the country, served as a guide, he negotiated the demon materials that were hunted along the way and sold them at a high price, thus earning the parties travel expenses.

He also calls Melinda master because she taught him how to negotiate and at the time he left the party and became independent, Melinda gave him rights to some magical tools she developed.

He started a business in the capital revolving around those magic tools and in the blink of an eye he climbed ranks to a large merchant and eventually became the president.

Because of that, he felt deeply indebted to Melinda.

Because he used to travel around the country as a peddler, he has a lean body that doesn't seem like it's over 40 years old. Such a Zenith is deeply humbled in front of Melinda.

Els's officials couldn't hide their confusion due the miserable appearance of their president who should be tough but reliable.

"Diseum."(Melinda)

"Y-Yes!"(Dis)

"Why didn't you stop her?"(Melinda)

"W-well... That is..."(Diseum)

Because if Melinda's glare, Diseum panicked and was at a loss for words.

The longest associate amongst the three disciples, her realized that Melinda is quite angry and his body stiffened.

Melinda saw Diseum like that...

"Seiza."(Melinda)

"Huh?"(Diseum)

"*Seiza.*"(Melinda)

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""""Ye-yes!""""(The Three Merry Idiots)

Even Zenith, who should originally be unrelated was pushed by the angry gaze of Melinda and sat in a seiza.

"Now... Little girl."(Melinda)

“Y-Yes!”(Ekatarina)

“Have you read the book about Shin?”(Melinda)

“Yes.”(Ekatarina)

“If that’s the case you should remember what was written in the book. That Shin won’t allow himself to be used for military or political plots. That’s what is says. What you’ve done is definitively a political plot. Or is it different?”(Melinda)

“That is... Yes...”(Ekatarina)

“I will not oppose the use of Shins abnormal power for the benefit of humanity. But hey, isn’t this a little different?”(Melinda)

“...Yes.”(Ekatarina)

While it’s good to use Shin’s power for world peace, it’s wrong to use it for political plots and that is why Melinda reprimanded Ekatarina.

Scolded my Melinda, Ekatarina silently dropped her shoulders.

“Diseum.”(Melinda)

“Y-Yes!”(Diseum)

“Why didn’t you stop her?”(Melinda)

“T-That is... If Shin was certified as the messenger he would be recognized as a friend of humanity...”(Diseum)

“Even though I’m glad you’re thinking about Shin. Did you not think about the impact if this little girl declared it?”(Melinda)

“...I’m sorry. I only thought about how with this no one would think of Shin as an enemy of humanity...”(Diseum)

“Haa... Good job Diseum. You proved that Shin has a good relationship with Ys and the church of creation. Isn’t that great?”(Melinda)

“Yes... I’m sorry.”(Diseum)

Diseum also failed to think of the possibility that it might produce an unnecessary misunderstanding for Shin, and dropped his shoulders as well.

“Aaron.”(Melinda)

“Y-Yes!”(Aaron)

“...Why are you sitting in a seiza?”(Melinda)

“Well... Ahaha, I sat in a seiza because it’s a habit from the old days.”(Aaron)

It appears he was scolded a lot in the past. Zenith said that he sat in a seiza on reflex.

“Really all of you...No matter how much time passes you never grow up.”(Melinda)

“Aahahaha...”(E,D,A)

Merlin, who was becoming one with the air more than usual, was watching that sight in such a way as to not trigger Melinda’s anger.

“...There is no doubt that Melinda is this world’s grandma god...”(Aaron)

“Did you say something?”(Melinda)

“N-no! I didn’t say anything.”(Aaron)

Even the leaders of the three world powers cannot raise their heads in front of Melinda.

Given that Melinda was mad at them for Shin’s sake, The big shot Merlin was invisible.

And the other person who couldn’t hide his disappointment from the speech of Ekatarina, Ralph, moved to the battlefield in a horse drawn carriage.

His position is at the top of the military in the Kingdom of Dahm, the military commander.

Indeed the Kingdom of Dahm is deeply religious and most people are followers of the Church of Creation, he is pious believer and with an honest personality, the King and the people trust him greatly.

However his behaviour at the previous cabinet meeting caused ripples in Dahm Kingdom.

Ralph refused let Shin Walford participate in the strategy.

It's not an exaggeration to say these talks will decide the fate of the world, so all the minutes are open to the public.

In the minutes it said that Ralph was opposed to placing Shin at the center of the strategy to subjugate the devils until the very end.

It's already known amongst the people that Shin has subjugated a devil twice before and has torn down nearly half of their forces.

To say that that hope of humanity Shin Walford to be excluded from the strategy...

Just what is going on with Ralph?

Does he have a feud with Shin Walford?

The rumor has caused rumors and it is now the hottest gossip amongst the Dahm citizens.

Ralph who is considered to be the center of such popular gossip, was riding on a horse drawn carriage with fellows who share his views.

"I can't believe it... For even the Pope to admit that Shin Walford is a 'Messenger of God'..."(Ralph)

"Secretary Portman. I can't stand it! Well... Even though he's not a believer he is touted as the messenger of god and moreover his wedding ceremony will be conducted by the Pope herself! What are they doing!? About Shin Walford and the others!"(Soldier)

A minority group within the Church of Creation. A soldier that was unable to acknowledge Shin as a "Messenger of God" and Sicily as the "Saint" roared his voice.

Those who rode on this horse drawn carriage, although they verbally abused Shin who officially received the "Messenger of God" title, Shin didn't ask for any of this, archbishop Makna was the one who suggested the wedding ceremony and the Pope of the Church of Creation Ekatarina was the one who arbitrarily decided to proclaim him a messenger of god. Even though because of that they were heavily reprimanded by Melinda...

They didn't mention any of that and naturally concentrated all their spite on Shin.

All of them are pious believers in the God of Creation.

The purpose of this religion is to accumulate good deeds and be guided to god who created this world after death, the expectation is that the person who was sent by that god should be respected.

However the person they regard to as a god is not an imaginary figure.

The person that is supposed to have been sent by God is not religious... Is this some sort of sick joke?

Originally it was because of that that he was opposed to calling Shin a messenger of god, but it turned out that he had a playful personality which came and drew lots in the middle of a battle.

Although not outrageous, it is still unacceptable. So they claim.

Incidentally, they won't accept Sicily as the saint because she is not a priest in the Church of Creation.

The current Pope gained her title after studying as a priest, it would be expected to face backlash from the Church of Creation if you start to call yourself that while not being a priest.

"...Because of that we must accomplish great achievements and show to the Pope that fake messengers such as Shin Walford are unnecessary."(Ralph)

"That's right Ralph, Fortunately, Shin Walford and Sicily von Claude are dispatched to our country. It's a perfect opportunity to accomplish visibly greater achievements than him."(Soldier)

"Mhm. Although at first I was disappointed to know the members of the Ultimate Magicians that were dispatched were those guys... This may be the will of God."(Ralph)

"Oh. That means God is looking out for us!"(Soldier)

"Hehe, that must be it. Shin Walford. I won't let you bastard do as you please."(Ralph)

Accomplish a feat greater than Shin's to prove he isn't a messenger of god.

Pope Ekatarina declared Shin a messenger of god, the devil territory recapture strategy started, they got impatient which made it impossible for them to form a concrete plan.

Although it's a complete nonsense of a reasoning, they've convinced themselves that if they achieve more than Shin, they could withdraw his messenger of god title.

And as for Maria... They didn't even spare a thought for her...

Due to the shocking declaration of Pope Ekatarina, I have been accredited as a "Messenger of God" to the countries of the World Alliance.

If I complained, there were so many people in the departure ceremony, how could I complain to the Pope of the Church of Creation in such circumstances...

I wonder if she took that into account?

If I complained to her in a place like that.

Followed by the Earlshyde's book release, there's a declaration of divine authority by the Pope.

Thanks to that, no one will think I'm a threat to the world...

"...Our names will keep spreading in places we don't know..."(Shin)

"Isn't it nice? Because titles are given only to those whose skill is recognized. I also want something like that."(Maria)

Maria is carefree and says that she would also like a title.

"...Then I'll think of one."(Shin)

What would be good for her? A title suitable for Maria...

...Pitiful maiden...?

"W-What? That look in your eyes is pity..."

Maria is a beautiful girl as well... Strong enough to kill devils by herself. Why is that despite that she isn't recognized by the world... Perhaps she doesn't stand

out...

I hope that a nice person appears for Maria.

Oh, It something like this might be good.

“How about ‘Seeker of true love’?”(Shin)

“Allright. Shin, get out!”(Maria)

“Do you want me to run in the middle of the carriages? Maria.”(Shin)

“Listen up! You carelessly said something devastating!”(Maria)

Mhm. It seems that she didn’t like it.

Currently, we attended the departure ceremony, joined with the troops of each country we’re in charge of and are moving towards battle positions on a horse-drawn carriage.

The team of me Sicily and Maria are with the Dahm kingdom.

Team Gus is with Kurt.

Team Tony is in charge of Karnan.

Team Yuri is dispatched to Swedes.

It was good that we all visited every country during summer break. Everybody joined their national army using Gate.

Then it’s to the Demon territory border with a horse-drawn carriage. Aiming towards the old Empire’s border.

I can fly, but everyone else can only use floating magix and even if you move with jet boots, the distance is too long as you’d expect so traveling by carriage it is.

Maria is letting her magic power run wild in the carriage.

...We may suffer losses before we even reach the battlefield.

“It’s a joke. Maria will surely find a nice person soon.”(Shin)

“...Isn’t it easy for you who already has someone to say? You’re extremely condescending.”(Maria)

Maria is sulking...

Indeed, I wonder if anyone will appear for this girl...

“Report! A large pack of demons appeared ahead!”

And now it’s demons!

“Fufu... I wonder if a little would be ok...”(Maria)

“W-What is it?”(Shin)

Scary! I was unintentionally horrified!

“The demons... May I kill them?”(Maria)

“Huh? But we’re supposed to let the military deal with the large ones...”(Shin)

“Just one shot, I feel like I want to shooting something...”(Maria)

Her smile is black!

I judged it would be better she lets out some stress rather than stand in her way.

“Umu, excuse me.”(Maria)

“! What are you doing!? Messenger!”(Soldier)

When I talked to the knight from Dahm Kingdom riding alongside the horse-drawn carriage, I told him not to call me Messenger.

“Err... Calling me that is a bit...”(Shin)

“Hm?”(Soldier)

“...Nevermind that. Um, I’m sorry but can we handle the demon suppression?”(Shin)

“The messenger will?”(Soldier)

“It’s not gonna be me, but I think that everybody should be aware of our ability.”(Shin)

“I see! I understand! I will tell the commander!”(Soldier)

He said and rode off on the horse.

Was it a good excuse to let Maria release some magic?

Actually I think it's important they know how capable we are.

After a while the knight who I called out to earlier came back.

"Report! Please only the first shot! Because the suppression of large packs of demons is our job!"(Soldier)

"Yes I understand. This is only for the purposes of demonstrating our ability."(Shin)

"You're too humble! Thank you and please start!"(Soldier)

He's really thrilled. Not only that, but i guess they want to emphasize this strategy.

We also have to work hard to contribute.

"Maria, you're allowed only the first shot."(Shin)

"Roger that."(Maria)

Eventually the Dahm/Els mixed army stopped and took a position to ambush the demons.

As for Maria, who was entrusted with the first move, she got out of the carriage and used jet boots to get on it's roof where she posed like a gangster.

Eventually a group of demons entered the range and a dense magical power began to gather around Maria.

It's about six months since she began practicing magic control. Maria is able to control a considerable amount of magic power.

And the image of a magic "process" she got from me.

Maria chose wind magic.

Maria who controlled enormous magical power, transformed it into wind magic.

And...

"Come on! Hyaaaa!"(Maria)

Numerous wind blades hit the demon pack.

Maria's blades of keep devastating demons.

Then the wind blades became a whirlwind and eventually a tornado.

The demons were hoisted by the tornado into the raging wind blades and are cut to pieces.

...It looks like she was considerably angry. She released a magic without a fragment of precision.

“Maria... You didn’t have to get so angry like that...”(Sicily)

“Sicily, should you really say that to Maria?”(Shin)

Even though she was angry because of me.

Why would you point out that Maria is angry if she’s still considerably angry? And surprised.

As for the mixed army, they’re all looking around dumbfounded with mouths agape by the magical power.

“...The entire army! Most of the demons have been cleaned up! You’ll mop up the rest!”(Commander)

“Y... Yes!”(Soldiers)

When the commander who forgot to give instruction suddenly raised his voice, the soldiers who were stunned went to sweep the rest of the demons.

“Nevertheless, you chose wind magic.”(Sicily)

“If it’s fire magic, the heat will remain and water wouldn’t be much better, while explosion and earth would change the topography and it would cause issues afterwards. The only option was wind magic.”(Maria)

“Well, that was calm of you...”(Shin)

“I mean this isn’t magic precision practice so I took it easy.”(Maria)

Now, just like Maria said, that was nothing but the first move and she then had to hand it over to the rear guard soldiers.

Then it would be bad if you used magic that ruined the ground.

I think the the wind magic is the best choice.

I thought she was angry but despite that she still thought her action through.

“Oh, it looks like it’s over.”(Maria)

“Oh yeah, they managed to wipe them out in one go...”(Shin)

There seems to be some soldiers who came back without hunting down a demon.

And the soldiers who came back from the suppression saw Maria still on the carriage.

“...Valkyrie.”(Soldier)

“Huh...”(Maria)

“Standing bravely on the battlefield and slaughtering demons with overwhelming power... Just like a Valkyrie!”(Soldier)

What was that? She was standing pissed on carriage and only released great magic in frustration?

Looking at Maria on the roof... Oh, her face is red.

But because she’s standing on the roof she attracts attention, and it seems that she stiffened because of the strange reactions.

“Maria.”(Shin)

“W-w-w-what!?”(Maria)

Her frustration is gone...

“Raise your hand appropriately and come down after responding to the soldiers.”(Shin)

“R-Right!”(Maria)

Saying that, she raised one hand in a salute to answer to the soldiers.

“UAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!!!”(Soldiers)

A big victory shout erupted.

Did she signal the end of the battle?

Maria stiffened again to the sudden victory shout.

“Maria! That’s enough! Come down!”(Shin)

“Fue!? Ah, yeah.”(Maria)

Maria that came down from the roof jumped into the carriage to escape.

“Those are some great cheers Maria.”(Shin)

“You can still hear them? A Valkyrie.”(Maria)

“S... Stop it... Please don’t call me a name like that...”(Maria)

Maria is writhing about the title that was arbitrarily chosen for her.

“Fufu, It’s embarrassing when everyone around you starts calling you like that.”(Sicily)

“Sicily, Shin... I understand how you feel now. It’s embarrassing... Uuu...”(Maria)

“Is that so? But, while Maria says that, will the other guys from our group have to go through similar experiences?”(Shin)

“...I pity them.”(Maria)

For now, I guess we showed off our skills, however does that make it easier to cooperate in various ways?

The alliance forces that met the pack of demons first.

There was a report that it will become a considerable number as they approach the demon territory.

Ralph was prepared to make some sacrifices to some extent but should the Ultimate Magicians make the first shot in the interest of disclosing their ability? A proposal came.

That offer is meddling! Although Ralph was furious inside, when he thought about it, he learned at the meeting that only Dahm wasn’t aware of their ability.

He gave permission because it was the perfect opportunity to see their power first hand.

And the result was...

Ralph’s understanding couldn’t keep up with the magic that was released in

front of him.

Demons were cut into pieces by countless wind blades and the tornado that happened afterwards hoisted the demons that got through.

A great magic he has never seen before.

“This is... This is the power of Shin Walford... Is it...”(Ralph)

Ralph’s words which he muttered unintentionally were misunderstood and revised by a subordinate who wasn’t opposed to Shin.

“No that doesn’t seem to be the Messenger.”(Soldier)

“W-What!? S-So it’s that woman Sicily von Claude!?”(Ralph)

Ralph furrowed his eyebrows for a moment when he called him Messenger but was mostly surprised that wasn’t Shin who released that magic.

“No... If i’m not mistaken... Oh, It was Maria. Maria von Messina was the one that did it.”(Soldier)

“Wh... Wh... What...? Shooting such great magic... Someone other than that guy... If that’s the case...?”(Ralph)

He hates the very sight of Shin and Sicily.

However he was told that it wasn’t those two that fired of that great magic just now.

Ralph was convinced that he has to post an achievement greater than them.

Naw that he was shown the power of Ultimate Magicians members outside Shin and Sicily he grew further impatient.

Scene change to the Dahm Cathedral at the time.

“Aitatata*... It’s gonna become a lump.”(Ekatarina)

“Master’s done it just like before. When I saw your punishment I was starting to ache too.”(Aaron)

“Aaron was the one most criticized by Melinda... How nostalgic.”(Diseum)

“Are you gonna remember something like that? Big bro.”(Aaron)

Three people that were traveling with Merlin and Melinda gathered and started to talk about a nostalgic topic.

The companions who traveled together at that time are now heads of three major powers.

Diseum was the crown prince at that time, but the other two were just a peddler and a child.

If you think about it it's really impressive that they're all now heading their own country.

"In any case, our master is really taking care of Shin."(Aaron)

"Mhm. Just like a real grandson. Shin also must love Melinda as a real grandmother. Well... We always get yelled at by Melinda..."(Diseum)

"...So it would seem."(Ekatarina)

"Because it's like that, we shouldn't do anything unnecessary..."(Aaron)

When Aaron said that, silence fell on the place.

"Ah... Sorry... It's a sore subject for Kate..."(Aaron)

"Err... It's all right... It was a long time ago. I had an epiphany."(Ekatarina)

"Is that so..."(Aaron)

Ekatarina showed a somewhat difficult expression to the talk of her epiphany.

Knowing that, neither Diseum nor Aaron said anything more.

"Even so... He looks like her real grandson..."(Ekatarina)

Ekatarina said as she looked out the window.

To Diseum and Aaron, Ekatarina's profile looked somewhat lonely.

Chapter 75: The Demon Territory recapture strategy has started

After meeting the first pack of demons, no more demons appeared and we were able to reach the vicinity of the former empire's border as planned.

We'll be camping here today.

Although when a group this big stops it attracts demons but it seems that they won't come near because of the magic tools installed on the perimeters of the camp

By the way, although it's called a magic tool to repel demons, it's actually a magic tool that interrupts magic power.

It's string shaped, and it surrounds the camp so the demons aren't able to sense the magic power enclosed in the circle.

While it doesn't leak magic power outside it's still completely visible, so even with the magic power blocked off demons still appear here and there.

Although it's installed, that doesn't mean it's invoked and mages will have to take turns during the night keeping it active. Because it's "mostly" and not "completely" there is still purpose to the night watch.

Come to think of it, this is my first time camping.

Just as I was getting a little excited I got called out.

"Excuse me. We've prepared the camp for the Messenger, Saint and Valkyrie."(Guide Soldier)

Maria has been addressed as "Valkyrie" since the previous battle.

Maria wasn't used to having a title, so everytime they used it she got embarrassed.

Well, she'll get used to it. Maria followed the soldier and arrived at the tent while agonizing alone.

A tent for two and a tent for one have been stretched out for us to sleep.

“Well then, this is the Messenger’s and the Saint’s tent, and this is the Valkyrie’s tent.”(Guide Soldier)

“What?”(Maria)

“Two?”(Shin)

Wait a minute! Women and men can stay in the same tent during wartime!?

Certainly Sicily is my fiance, so under those circumstances it should be possible to stay in the same tent!

“Then, that... Because there are many single soldiers... If possible could you activate a sound isolation magic tool or barrier...”(Guide Soldier)

“We’d never do something like that in these circumstances! I mean stay in a tent together!”(Shin)

“Huh? Is that so?”(Guide Soldier)

“That’s right!”(Shin)

What are you thinking!?

“You said it earlier. You said that there are many single soldiers here. Under such circumstances, even though we’re fiancées, staying in the same tent would get us a lot of antipathy, right?”(Shin)

“That’s true.”(Guide Soldier)

He confirmed it!

“Then their frustration might become excessive. Because of that I will stay in this tent for one person and Sicily and Maria will take the tent for two people. Will that be fine?”(Shin)

“I’m ok with it.”(Sicily)

“Even though I’m ok with it, you are too? Are you really?”(Maria)

“If I stayed in the same tent as Shin I wouldn’t have the courage to come out in the morning while everyone is watching...”(Sicily)

Absolutely, to be seen with prying eyes. I wouldn’t have the courage either.

“Certainly. Yes... That would be good. When I think about hearing voices all

night..."(Guide Soldier)

"I said we would do no such thing!"(Shin)

"Uuuu..."(Sicily)

Sicily hid behind me.

"Well then, my concern is gone, so let's have dinner. I'll prepare dinner in that tent. Since it's a marching meal don't expect too much.

"We entrusted all the camping preparations to you. We can't complain."(Shin)

We're also exempt from the night watch, so if you complain about that you'd be reprimanded.

...That's different from what we have agreed on! I can complain about that can't I!?

"Then when the meal is over, there will be a bath prepared in that tent. That one is for men and the other one for women. Well, since the male and female soldiers are standing by the entrance there won't be a mistake."(Guide Soldier)

What? Is that an accident flag?

Well after actually having finished eating and heading out to the bath, there were two soldiers standing there keeping watch so I probably won't enter the women's bath by mistake.

There is also people frequently going in and out of the entrance and exit

At any rate, camping with a bath.

According to what I've heard, the magic tool used to heat up the bath water was developed and popularized by grandma, and bathing seems to have spread widely due to the emergence of this magic tool.

Incredible, grandma.

I give my newfound respects to grandma for propagating magic tools beneficial for everyone, I'm proud that she's my grandmother.

When I entered the bath tent, a big pool was set up.

Now I get it, you inflate this like a plastic pool. Is this made out of some kind

of demon leather? You can carry this around and use a magic tool to provide the hot water.

You can take a bath even while camping.

...Although there is this, it's strange that there are no floating rings.

The magic tool for hot water is shaped like a faucet and there are several installed.

It seems that in order to take a bath you have to let magic power flow through the sink for a few minutes before it adds hot water.

It seems to be converting the moisture in the air into water and will endlessly circulate it through the tent.

I wash my hair and body with soap that naturally dissolves and before I entered the bathtub, I brought magical power to the magic tool for hot water and hot water flowed into the tub as I entered.

“Wow...”(Shin)

I thought the same after arriving at Sicily's parent's territory. Fatigue will accumulate after travelling a long distance via carriage.

I think that a bath has an important role in keeping the advancing speed and recovering a soldiers stamina.

“Thank you for your hard work messenger. How's the water?”

“Quit it... Calling me Messenger is kinda... The water is the perfect temperature though.”(Shin)

“Hehe. That reminds me, it was your grandmother that developed this magic tool. It was a stupid question.”

The soldier that's been guiding us a little while ago is now taking a bath with me.

Apparently he seems intent on calling me messenger.

It's really troublesome.

“Even so, Valkyrie's magic before was amazing. Can all the members of Ultimate Magicians use such magic?”

“That’s right. Well, Maria was excellent to begin with... Being the third seat behind me and His Highness Augusto. Now, I wonder if everyone else can do that too?”(Shin)

“T-To that extent...”

“Some of them are good at healing magic like Sicily, others are good at close combat, and some of them give pride to their body reinforcement magic, too.”(Shin)

In precision magic practice, Sicily’s attack magic has also improved considerably.

It wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that everyone can use the same attack magic.

Then those who were listening in began to speak between each other.

“Everyone is at that level...”

“Huh? The saint can also use attack magic like that?”

“Even though they can use so much magic, to be in close proximity to someone like that...”

“...This strategy, why does it need us?”

Oops, everyone began to question the significance of their existence.

I should follow up.

“Of course your power is necessary. How many months would it take if we alone carried out this strategy... No, I don’t know how long it would take. You can’t let the people worry for such a long period of time now can you? Everyone’s power is absolutely necessary for a quick resolution.”(Shin)

Will something like this do?

The reaction of everyone around me...

“Really... To not agitate the people... Is it?”

“That’s right! We are here to help the people!”

“This is bad... It’s going to overflow.!”

“Let’s do it... Let’s do it! Everybody!”

“Oooooooooohhhhhhhh!”

Oh! I was surprised!

Don’t suddenly shout like that!

“What! What happened!”

Look! The watchmen soldier heard it and came flying in with numbers!

“It’s nothing. It was just a declaration of determination.”

“W-what... If that’s the case that’s good.”

Although it went up more than expected, isn’t it good that the morale is raised?

I got out of the bath when my body warmed up enough.

After that, it seems that war cries rose from the men’s bath in regular intervals.

Sicily and Maria split up from Shin and entered the women’s bath.

“Well, it’s not a full fledged bath.”(Maria)

“That’s true. I didn’t expect I’d get to take a bath in the camp.”(Sicily)

The women of Ultimate Magicians were thinking of going home by Gate but they seem to be satisfied when they saw a full bath.

“That reminds me, the territory of the saint is Earlshyde’s Viscount house Von Claude’s. It has a famous hot spring.”

“Huh? Oh, that’s right.”(Sicily)

“Compared to your parent’s territory, we’re sorry for this plain bath.”

“Not at all! It’s plenty usable! I never thought I would be taking a bath while camping.”(Sicily)

That is an honest impression.

If there was no bath, they would take the time to go back home with Gate to

take a bath, even if Sicily was reluctant to leave Shin's side.

It's because she's worried about her smell.

However, there's no doubt that there's a bath right here.

Such imaginary fears were immediately dispersed.

"It's thanks to the Guru's magical tool that we can take a bath like this. There's no one that experienced in the current army, but it seems it wasn't possible to take a bath during a march in the past."

"It's a magic tool for hot water supply. When that magic tool came out it caused my grandfather to start shaking in fear. He thought it might replace the hot spring."(Sicily)

"That is... That's a big deal..."

"However on the contrary it seems that the value of the hot springs has risen as the hot water supply bath magic tool started spreading into general use. The hot springs are a bit different from ordinary baths."(Sicily)

The hot springs are heated underground by geothermal heat. The hot springs that spring up from underground veins contain various elements and bring various effects.

As the bathing spread, people noticed the charm of hot springs and their value went up.

"If you think that way, grandmother raised it's value."(Sicily)

"Grandmother? ...Oh that's right, the saint is engaged to the messenger who is the Guru's grandchild."

"Yes."(Sicily)

Probably because they've been engaged for a while now, Sicily confirmed it without getting flustered.

"By the way, I read 'A new Hero's story'. Is it true what's written in there? The messenger helped the saint and that's where their love started."

"Meeting... T-That's right..."(Sicily)

As expected, she doesn't seem to have gotten used to all of it. When asked

about how their love began, she became embarrassed again.

And since love talks began, the female soldiers that were hanging around started gathering.

“Ms. Saint. When did the messenger started fancying you?”

“W-When... He started liking me before I realized...”(Sicily)

Sicily’s answer caused an uproar amongst the female soldiers.

“Pssh...! What kind of person is the messenger?”

“Err... He’s strong, cool, he loves his family and friends... He’s gentle...”(Sicily)

The female soldiers got excited again.

“Does the Valkyrie have the same impression of him?”

“Valkyrie you say... Well I guess that’s not quite wrong.”(Maria)

“So the valkyrie also wants to be with the messenger...”

“That’s definitely not true.”(Maria)

Maria cut their speculations down with an immediate answer leaving everyone with a surprised expression.

“Certainly if it was only that, I think there are even people in the same team that like Shin but...”(Maria)

There is a catch? The female soldiers held their breath as they waited for Maria to continue.

“At any rate, he’s naive and unattentive... What Shin often thinks of as normal, deviates from our common sense. He’s a walking disaster and if I was going out with him I wouldn’t last.”(Maria)

“Mmm. Even if you say something like that...”

“Since you love with Shin so much, you may tolerate it but as for me...”(Maria)

Female soldiers couldn’t hide the disappointment in how different the real Shin is compared to the rumored Shin.

“B-but I thought that the valkyries magic is really far removed our common sense as well...”

“If you’re surprised by my magic you must not have seen Shin’s magic have you? That... I wonder how many times it’s greater? Sicily, how far does Shin go when he’s serious?”(Maria)

“ Hmm? I never saw him get serious... Even when he performed a magical experiment in the wilderness, he said he suppressed it considerably...”(Sicily)

“Ah... He leveled so much land while holding back?”(Maria)

“If he’s serious... Could he destroy an entire town?”

Female soldiers began to exaggerate her words.

And even Sicily also said that so clearly.

(I love him no matter what!)(Sicily)

She tsukkomi-d in her head.

And as for Maria.

(Not just a town... A country)(Maria)

Because it would be disastrous to say out loud, Maria also tsukkomi-d in her head. (TN: While I swear off using all japanese phrases as much as I possibly can, sometimes it’s just unavoidable cuz a word doesn’t have a translation.)

I leave the bath tent and return to my own.

Because I still felt hot, I went to enjoy the cool air outside and Sicily also returned

“Welcome back. How was the bath?”(Shin)

“It felt good. I never thought I’d be able to to take a bath while camping.”(Sicily)

“Yeah. If it’s like this, further marches will be a piece of cake.”(Shin)

Magic tools for hot water supply and avoiding demons.

While I was outside of my tent to cool off, I did have another purpose.

“My tent is a small one for one person, can I go to your tent over there?”(Shin)

“Yes.”(Sicily)

She answers affirmatively and I enter the tent Sicily and Maria are supposed to stay in.

It’s just large enough for two people to sleep in.

“Well then, let’s start this magic tool and...”(Shin)

I started a magic tool for “Soundproofing”.

I activate the magic tool that prevents “sound vibrations” only to the extent of enclosing this tent. That means the magic tool won’t let sound leak beyond that range.

By the way it’s not always invoked.

Because the people in the surroundings can’t know what I’m about to do.

And I took out a certain thing.

Chirin, chirin.

I took out a bell.

The bell that sounded belonged to the “wireless communication device”.

[Muh? Who is it? Shin?]

“Oh. Are you tired right now?”(Shin)

[Wait a sec... Okay, it’s fine now.](August)

[This side is all good!](Alice)

[I was able to set it up fine here as well.](Tony)

When I sounded the bell on the communication device set to an open channel, August, Alice and Tony answered.

Perhaps, everyone is here.

“We fought a pack of monsters before reaching the border. How about everyone else?”(Shin)

[For us there was no demon raid before we got here. Perhaps the advanced corps handled it.](August)

[As for us, I only got to go out a little! They were all medium sized with very few large ones appearing so I didn't get to go out much!](Alice)

[Ours also had very few. Since the soldiers subdued them I didn't even have to come out.](Tony)

Although we planned to draw a wired communication line to each camp, because the lines had to be buried, they couldn't keep up with the speed of the march.

So I was holding a briefing session to hear the latest news from each camp.

By the way, the wireless communication device is still secret so I can't report to headquarters what I hear here.

Around this time, a messenger soldier should be running on a horse to the wired communication device, exchanging information and coming back.

At any rate Gus' place is completely calm. Alice and Tony said that they had to go out even if a little.

They came out for us in numbers.

Why is that? What's the difference?

"There was quite a few of them that came out. Why is there such a difference?"(Shin)

[...Isn't that because Shin is there?](August)

"Hey! Stop it with your joke theory!"(Shin)

[It's not such a flawed theory, Shin's fundamental magic power is many times greater than any of ours no? Maybe they're attracted to it?](August)

When I said that me attracting trouble was a joke theory they confessed something that sent chills down my spine.

There is something that's called fundamental magic power.

There is no organ that stores magic energy in a human body but because we live in a world full of magical power the human body itself is magical. To an extent that it influences a humans daily activities.

The magical body that courses through a human at all times is called

fundamental magic power.

So even if someone from this world can't use magic they can still do so much as start a magic tool.

And if one can use magic, then as the amount of magical power one can control increases so does the amount of fundamental magic power.

And the demon is attracted to magical power.

When we were training I purposely gathered magic power and drawn in demons.

Since I practice magic control a little everyday the fundamental magic amount goes up accordingly.

You don't mean...

"Until now, the monsters that were coming out..."(Shin)

[Firstly, it's almost certainly Shin's fault.](August)

"...Are you serious?"(Shin)

[Unfortunately, I am very serious.](August)

[Shin is here so we can all rest easy! But your march will be full of demon subjugation!](Alice)

[That's true. I guess this will be normal. It feels peaceful but...]

"This is serious... A lot of demons appeared and Maria got called "Valkyrie"."(Shin)

"Hey! You didn't need to report that did you!?"(Maria)

[Ehh? Shouldn't you be happy about that?](Alice)

"Why would I be happy about that!?"(Maria)

[At any rate, now both of you have title to go with Shin's. I'm so envious.](Alice)

"It's not as good as you think... It's embarrassing..."(Maria)

Eventually, on that day it was only a report of monster appearances that later became a chat.

After I finished reporting, I went to my tent after saying goodnight to the two of them.

The tent that the commander is staying in occasionally holds conferences so it's built quite largely.

In that tent Ralph everyone that was opposed to the Messenger of God and the Saint gathered with a solemn expression.

"Ralph... Can we even beat that? Besides it seems that it wasn't even Shin Walford that released that magic."

"That power was from a team member. How much magic could the representative release..."(Ralph)

As expected, after witnessing Maria's magic they're beginning to question if it's even possible for them to win?

When it comes down to it, although grossly reluctant, would he be forced to accept their titles as well?

Yes, he was beginning to give up.

Most of the opponents that were trying to get Messenger Shins declaration withdrawn have begun to give up, but Ralph couldn't.

He is serious.

He is too serious, and unlike everybody else, isn't capable of flexible thought.

He who is a Messenger of God must be a man who sincerely worships God.

He even thinks that he must be a priest.

It's impossible for him to accept Shin because of that.

"However, there is still a chance... If we subjugate a devil before them..."(Ralph)

Ralph started muttering to himself and the gathered people began giving him looks of pity.

And the next day.

We finally step into the demon territory.

As a side note, because I didn't share a tent with Sicily the night before, the male soldiers started looking at me with respect.

To be patient with such a lovely fiancée accompanying me, I was acclaimed as having an iron will.

...I didn't think I'd be getting respect like that... It's enough just not earning the male soldiers antipathy.

Now then, finally time to step into the demon territory... As soon as we stepped in, massive quantities of demons should have appeared... Or at least they were supposed to.

Of course.

If we're being honest, there is no reason why a bunch of demons would be defending the border, but there is a barrier at the borders of the demon territory and the demons can't cross it.

I try to cast enemy search magic but there are no signs of demons so far.

It's been 30 minutes since we started advancing through the demon territory.

"Oops. They're here." (Shin)

Finally there was a reaction for demons.

The reactions became quite numerous and they're heading straight here.

Perhaps it's... I wonder if they've perceived my magical power...

The demons are gathering from here, there and everywhere, soon becoming a massive pack that's gradually increasing in number.

"After all, their numbers are many. It's not an exaggeration to say the demon territory is overflowing with demons.

There might be no end to this pack.

Rather, how much would gather after this...

"Everyone, battle stations! The opponents are demons! Unnecessary

strategies aren't necessary! Cut them down and slay them."

[OOOOOOOOOO!]

Like that, the demon territory recapture strategy started in earnest.

"Magic division! Attack magic, shoot!"

The commanders of Dahm, Els and Ys allied forces issued an order and the magic divisions started chanting attack magic and it was released at once.

Their power is minimal but when a lot of spells are released at once they become powerful by default.

And when the magic division finished casting their magic, the knights and soldiers thrust into the pack of demons.

As expected of a country's army. People who hunt demons up to medium size aren't uncommon.

A large demon can be dealt with by multiple people and hunted down without a problem.

"It's amazing. We may not even get a turn?"(Shin)

"Saying that is a flag..."(Maria)

"Ah. They came out."(Shin)

"..."(Maria)

"Well, it's not my fault right!?"(Shin)

As soon as I said it.

A massive ominous magical power on a different level from the large and medium sized demons.

"Disaster class approaches! Everyone, retreat immediately! Don't get in the way of the messenger!"

[OOOOOOOOO!!]

A supersized wolf appeared.

Normally a wolf is classified as medium size but as it turns into a demon the amount of magical power he takes in gradually increases and he becomes larger

and larger as in the process.

As a result they may become a disaster grade.

Since it takes years for wolves to reach disaster grade as opposed to lions and tigers that become a disaster grade at the time of demonization, disaster class wolves are quite the cunning lot.

Someone troublesome showed up...

“Sicily, Maria. It’s your first time facing a disaster class wolf isn’t it?”(Shin)

“Yes...”(Sicily)

“I haven’t even seen one yet...”(Maria)

“Anyways, that fellow is agile. Therefore stopping him saves us a lot of trouble.”(Shin)

“Wow, I understand!”(Sicily)

“...As usual, you’ve done it before?”(Maria)

Well that’s why.

I can beat it but it’s messy.

So, I’ll have those two help me out.

I explain the plan to them, take out the vibration sword and thrust it from the front.

“What!? Messenger, that’s unreasonable!”

A surprised voice comes from a soldier looking at the situation, however it’s not unreasonable!

The wolf will try to escape from my frontal attack by sidestepping...

[Graaaah!? Gaaaaa!]

Sicily’s and Maria’s magic sprang up from both sides of the wolf with perfect timing, cutting off his escape and making him sidestep right into Sicily’s Ice Spear.

I don’t miss this chance and start up the Jet Boots to close in on the wolf.

Gakin!

The wolf bit the lower section of the vibrating sword I was wielding.

This must be a accident right!?

Because the sword can't cut normally except for the vibrating part, it stopped.

"Aa! Shin!"(Sicily)

Sicily gave a panicked voice, but the wolf is biting the vibrating sword so he can't move either.

We fall into a stalemate for a moment... Sorry mr. wolf.

Not only a sword but I can also use magic.

I slightly open his mouth with the currently bitten vibrating sword and shoot a flame spear magic in the slight gap between his teeth that opened.

[GRAAAAA!]

The superhot flame that entered the wolf from his mouth spread inside the wolf and he died in the blink of an eye.

...What's that?

If it's a disaster class wolf, I felt a magic signature and I immediately let go of the sword and took some distance...

"Shin, you... You do amazing things..."(Sicily)

"Hm? Oh, because we were in a standstill I decided to hit it with magic..."(Shin)

"Inserting magic directly through the mouth..."(Maria)

Well at any rate, disaster class subjugation complete.

"I-Incredible! He killed a disaster class wold in the blink of an eye!"

"Don't lag behind the messenger! Show him your power!"

[OOOOOOOOOOOO!!]

The morale of the soldiers skyrocketed after the death of the disaster class.

If that's the case then the devil subjugation will advance smoothly.

Though, I feel kinda dizzy...

Is everyone else okay?

Chapter 76: The struggles of the Earlshyde Army

The day before invading the demon territory.

The Earlshyde army is camped near the border of the former empire, now the border of the demon territory.

Earlshyde, which is larger in size than the neighbouring countries, was able to send out tens of thousands of troops without receiving aid from Els and Ys.

For the Earlshyde army, a certain measure was taken that wasn't taken in other armies.

This was the mobilization of the students from the Advanced Magic Academy and the Knights academy.

The World Union concluded that while there was no problem with the war potential, the students have undergone exceptional demon suppression training in case of emergencies, and have already managed to suppress a number of demons from before the summer vacation.

As it would serve as a good opportunity for the students to gain some real experience outside of training, and although it's only several hundred people, the students are accompanying the army on the march.

However, while they've subjugated many monsters already, that was only training. This time it's a genuine military operation.

Moreover it's a global operation deployed simultaneously by several countries.

"You've gone silent Kris. Don't tell me you're getting nervous with demons as your opponent?" (Miranda)

"Miranda... No since we've hunted demons before in training it's not so bad, but this is a global military operation... I'm nervous because I'm participating in it." (Kris)

The students seemed nervous, even the top student of the knight academy,

Kris.

Until now, there was never a case where Knight Academy students were sent off to the battlefield.

And now they were launched into a worldwide strategy.

No matter how many times you subjugated a demon, it's natural to feel nervous.

"You seem to be awfully calm though?"(Kris)

"Weeell... Maybe it's because I heard of Maria's hardships. I cannot seem to think of my situation as extreme."(Miranda)

Because of such circumstances, as opposed to Kris who is nervous to participate in the operation rather than the demon subjugations, Miranda who was a Knight's Academy first year, could not be seen being so carefree.

When Kris asked about that, an unfamiliar name was mentioned.

"Maria?"(Kris)

"Don't you remember? When you guys were training, Walford's girlfriend... I guess she's his fiance now? He did have a crush on her. Other than her, there was another girl."(Miranda)

Reminded of Sicily, a girl he had a crush on that was already taken by Shin, Kris became slightly dejected.

"After that joint drill, we got along strangely well and began to meet each other quite often."(Miranda)

"Is that so?"(Kris)

"Though Sicily was her childhood friend, she was busy preparing for her wedding to Walford, so whenever we had spare time, we would go together."(Miranda)

"W- Wedding..."(Kris)

How enviable it is to have Sicily as a wife...! He grinded his teeth with a fitting expression.

"Sigh... are you still dragging that along? Give up already. Wasn't the

engagement officially endorsed by his majesty? Besides Walford is said to be the Messenger of God, not just to Earlshyde, but to the entire world you know? Even if you bend over backwards you can't win."(Miranda)

"....."(Kris)

Miranda spoke in a manner that left no room for arguments only causing Kris to become more and more depressed.

Someone called out to the two.

"Leave it at that Miranda. Or else Kris might just break down."(Chris)

"Huhu, you've become quite reliable Miranda. I'm glad."(Sieg)

"Mister S-Siegfried! Christina!"(Miranda)

Siegfried and Christina wouldn't usually go to the battlefield as part of the Knight's Order or the Imperial Magic Division, but rather they work as bodyguards to the royal family, rarely stepping out of the Royal Palace. But the results they produced while looking after the students led them to be brought along.

"In any case, you became friends with Maria?"(Sieg)

"Y-Yes!"(Miranda)

"You don't have to be so stiff. And? What were you two talking about?"(Sieg)

Siegfried is very popular with girls.

He's a magician but his popularity is not solely amongst magicians. There are also fans among the knights, and Miranda is one of them.

It would be unreasonable for her to not be nervous while talking to someone she looks up to.

"Err, Uhm... Sicily... now that she's engaged to Mr.Walford and they're openly flirting around every day... Rather than irritation she's growing more dismal..."(Miranda)

"Err..."(Sieg)

"Will we ever meet the special someone? Or..."(Miranda)

“.....”(Sieg)

“...How should we find a good man? Or...”(Miranda)

“Enough! Enough already Miranda!”(Sieg)

Siegfried who slumped down just from hearing that and cut her off deciding to end the conversation.

“Miranda...”(Chris)

“Yes?”(Miranda)

“...Let’s do our best together.”(Chris)

“Ms.Christina... Yes...”(Miranda)

The two women encouraged each other to do their best to find a good man.

Meanwhile, Christina noticed a certain thing.

“Oh? That sword...”(Chris)

“Oh, yes. It’s a swap sword purchased from the Walford Company.”(Miranda)
(TN: I forgot how I named it before but swap sword sounds better so I’m using that now)

“Yes. Since it’s something you’re provided with after entering the military I wonder how you got it. Did you purchase it yourself?”(Chris)

“Yes. It was recommended by Maria. This as well.”(Miranda)

Saying that she looked down at her feet.

“Mhm. You bought jet boots as well.”(Chris)

“Maria also bought them so I bought them as well. I was able to gather the money by taking a part-time job as a monster hunter.”(Miranda)

“Is that so? That’s wonderful Miranda. You don’t despair at the difference in ability between you and Shin, and you have the determination to shrink that distance. I wish the others would follow your example.”(Chris)

While Sicily went to Shin’s house to prepare for the wedding, Maria who was left behind was deepening her friendship with Miranda.

Before meeting a good man she seemed to have made a good girl friend.

“Well... Compared to Maria’s responsibility I’m totally free.”(Miranda)

Her friend is the pivot of the strategy as a part of the Ultimate Magicians.

With that in mind, considering the senior knights position as the leaders, her own position is relatively miserable.

Cowardliness won over nervousness.

“...Do you want to be strong?”(Chris)

“Yes. At the very least I want to be able to proudly say I’m friends with Maria.”(Miranda)

Within Miranda’s eyes lay a strong will of wanting to be strong in order to help her friend out.

“Well said. Miranda let me tell you something.”(Chris)

“Y-Yes!”(Miranda)

“You’re coming to the front lines with me. I will train you personally.”(Chris)

“Huh?”(Miranda)

“Understood?”(Chris)

“Y-Yes! Thank you very much! I will do my best!”(Miranda)

“Haha, someday, I hope you’ll be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with Maria”(Chris)

“Yes!”(Miranda)

Thus, from the students, only Miranda was allowed to directly enter the battlefield.

After Christina explained it to her superior, she took Miranda to eat with her.

Siegfried and the other students just stood there watching in surprise.

“The two of you, what are you doing surrounding yourself with women..... Rather, what happened to leadership?”(Sieg)

Siegfried sighs as he thinks of the distancing Spring of their youth, given their abrasiveness, and decides to take on the role of leadership upon himself.

And the next day.

Finally, the demonic territory recapture strategy starts.

“Listen up! Unlike the other countries, we cannot receive the support of Walford’s Ultimate Magicians! Therefore, if a disaster class or even a devil appears by some misfortune, we must deal with it ourselves!”(Dominic)

Dominic, who was present at the departure ceremony at Darm, had Shin send him to Earlshyde using Gate.

But understandably, the soldiers looked uneasy when they heard Dominic say they would have to kill a disaster class by themselves.

“But don’t be afraid! Especially the magic division! You followed the principles of the Magi and gained more power than ever! I guarantee it. You are strong!”(Rupert)

The magic division raises a shout to Rupert’s encouraging speech.

At first glance, there were many people that looked anxious but their determination could be seen in their eyes.

“Knights as soldiers as well! Your new equipment you shed blood for... No, that which has literally been stained by blood in order to use. I will also tell you this. You are strong!”(Dominic)

Knights and soldiers who have a fierce rivalry with the magic division also gave a courageous shout to Dominic’s speech.

While being conscious of each other the morale rose to its peak.

“So let’s go. Forward!”(Dominic)

[OOOOOOOOOO!!]

And so, the Earlshyde army advanced into the demon territory.

Once again, no demons appeared immediately, but after a while...

“They’re coming!”

“Everyone! Combat stations! Rupert, make the call.”(Dominic)

“Sure thing! Magic Division! Prepare attack magic!”(Rupert)

Earlshyde Magic Division started gathering magic power on Rupert’s signal.

It was a completely different sight from other countries.

No one chanted.

“FIRE!”(Rupert)

At the same time, the Magic Division fired their magic without a chant.

The magic that was released differed from conventional magic in a way that it was carefully manipulated so that it doesn’t offset each other as much as possible, and in a completely different dimension.

“A-Amazing...”

Students of the Advanced Magic Academy watched the great magic fired chantless with amazement in their eyes.

“Hey. Like what you see? Isn’t the magic of Shin and his peers on a completely different level?”(Siegfried)

To Siegfrieds words, the students of the Advanced Magic Academy kept quiet.

Two thirds of the students participating are Shin’s seniors and the remaining third are from the same grade.

They are the pivot of the strategy in charge of getting rid of disaster classes and devils.

While their battlefield experience is being under guidance.

Regretfully, the abilities of the juniors were too distant so they had harboured complicated feelings of ‘he’s the grandson of a hero so it can’t be helped’.

Siegfried who read their expressions as giving up, asked them.

“Have you read the article published by the Institute of Magic and Science?”(Sieg)(TN: I’m sorry I really don’t remember the actual name. I really need to create a glossary after this.)

To Siegfrieds words, the students look down.

Increasing the amount of magic power you control will increase the power of

magic and you will be able to use chantless magic.

It was an officially published article but of course they haven't read it.

"Why didn't you read it? Are you only counting what you learn from your teachers as training? Shin never missed a day of training from a young age. And he never stopped self improvement. The result was the origin of a magician outside of reason. He wasn't born with special power. Everything was the result of hard work."(Sieg)

To be fair, Shin was born with "knowledge" which were the memories of his past life, but as Siegfried said, he wasn't born with any special "power".

When they heard that, life came back to the eyes of the students.

It's frustrating. But if you can do it if you work hard then they too could.

Such determination dwelled in their eyes.

"If you understand, go help them."(Sieg)

[Yes!]

Advanced Magic Academy students stepped onto the battlefield.

"By the way, you lot from the Knight Academy."(Sieg)

Continuing on, Siegfried turned to the Knight Academy students...

"...I don't understand much about knights."(Sieg)

Since Christina isn't here, she can't pass on to them a knight knowledge.

Siegfried continues to the student who seems to have jolted.

"I don't understand it but you're the same. You only follow the instructions of your teacher."(Sieg)

Expectedly, all the Knight Academy students looked down.

"I can't give specific instructions because Chris isn't here but..."(Sieg)

Siegfried looks over to everyone as he says that.

"Remember the reason why Chris picked Miranda."(Sieg)

The students start raising their heads.

“Miranda wanted to stand shoulder to shoulder with Maria so she bought a sword by herself, bought jet boots, actually participated in demon hunts on her own accord. Why can’t you all do that?”(Sieg)

Think for yourself instead of following the teacher.

They believe that if they just do as the instructor says, they’ll become stronger.

“That’s common for students. Both the Magic Division and the Knight Order actively acquire new technologies and techniques to become stronger.”(Sieg)

After saying that, Sieg turned back to the battlefield-

There was a sight where the knights wearing heavy armor used jet boots and were flying around up, down, left and right. A spectacle unimaginable until now.

“Haha. Now this is a spectacle. Is it fine? You guys. If you stay like this, won’t you be left behind by the Order and Miranda?”(Sieg)

The Knight Academy students that heard those words had faces as if they’ve decided on something.

“We trained to slay demons after all! What good will it do if we’re being a hindrance! We’re also going!”

[OOOOOOOOO!!]

When a third grader, a leader like figure, raised his voice, the rest of the students charged after him onto the battlefield.

“Hah, good grief. I guess I should follow them soon.”(Sieg)

After scolding the students into stepping onto the battlefield, Siegfried went to join them when...

“A disaster class appeared!”

Although he was prepared, he received a report he didn’t want to hear.

“Tch! What timing!”(Sieg)

He stopped going after the students and headed towards the disaster class.

Now then, what do we have here...

“...What is that? A... Rhino?”(Sieg)

There were several animals that were thought to be unable to transform into demons.

Humans also belonged to that category as well as rhinos, one of which is right in front of their eyes, elephants and also sea creatures such as whales etc.

Humans can control magic power on their own accord but some animals have displayed similar characteristics.

The reason being they're huge.

Therefore it was thought that large animals couldn't become demons...

“Oi, oi... Just what is this!?”(Sieg)

What it was was a rhinoceros demon with a massive body, comparable to a two story building.

“Hey! What is that!? I've never heard of a rhinoceros turning into a demon!!”

“This is bad! Get away from it!”

“Ah! Don't run away right in front of it!”

Perhaps frustrated by the restless soldiers rushing to get away in front of it, the rhino charged with its huge body.

“Get out of his way! Jump aside!”(Sieg)

Siegfried cried out and the soldiers who were in the rhinos path powered up their jet boots and jumped out of the way.

Just what would've happened if they didn't have jet boots.

Still...

“Aah! Tch! This guy!”(Sieg)

Several people who were in the vicinity of the rhinoceros when he began the charge were delayed and got caught in his charge.

It's weight must be proportionate to it's massive body and survival was out of the question.

Those who were far away, also got out of the way, leaving the other demons

unattended.

Again, all of them retreated using jet boots.

The soldiers scattered in all directions like baby spiders but the demons remained where they were. There...

“Uaa! The demons are overrunning us...”

The rhinoceros charged again, trampling the neglected demons.

“This is... Something terrible showed up.”(Chris)

“Chris. Miranda, are you alright as well?”(Sieg)

“Y-yes!”(Miranda)

The voices belonged to Chris and Miranda who appeared next to Siegfried.

Both of them seemed to have escaped.

“What should we do about it?”(Chris)

“Even if you ask me. Well, I do have one idea.”(Sieg)

“What did you come up with?”(Chris)

“Well, just look.”(Sieg)

Siegfried looked back to the battlefield without answering Christina’s question.

And looked for a moment when the rhinoceros finally stopped his charge to unleash his magic.

Siegfried’s all out magic was more powerful than the first shot of the magic division but...

“Tch! What hard skin. No damage at all... Tch!”(Sieg)

The rhino demon rushes again towards Sieg that released the magic.

He activated the jet boots and jumped out of the rhino’s path.

“Oh, they’re being overrun.”(Sieg)

When Siegfried looked back before releasing the magic shot, it was not to check if any soldiers were in the line of fire.

It was to confirm whether there were demons or not.

Because of his big body, once the rhino starts rushing he can't change direction or stop easily.

Because he trampled over other demons without a care, Siegfried decided to use that to mop up the remaining demons.

The strategy seems to have worked out excellently.

"Were they reduced drastically?"(Sieg)

"Siegfried is amazing! The demons have diminished considerably!"(Miranda)

"Sieg, you..."(Chris)

"What is it?"(Chris)

"...Aren't you starting to think like Shin?"(Chris)

"Hey! Seriously?!"(Sieg)

While Miranda was simply admiring the Siegfried who had returned, Christina quietly pointed out that it was a strategy Shin would think of.

When he heard it, Siegfried couldn't hide his shock.

In any case, Siegfried's strategy seems to be effective.

The soldiers who were watching incited the rhino in the same way to trample the demons.

Other soldiers rounded up the demons as much as possible to where the rhino would rush through.

The other demons seem to be manageable now.

"The problem is the big fella himself..."(Sieg)

"Sieg's full power magic was easily brushed off."(Chris)

"Damn! Well, it's an animal that has thick skin from the start! By turning into a demon, it got a tremendous defensive boost!"(Sieg)

"But... What should we do then?"(Miranda)

Miranda, who was listening to Sieg's and Chris' discussion asked how to break

through.

“Well, the skin may be thick, but the joints aren’t.”(Chris)

“Then... Is it our turn...”(Miranda)

“Attack the joints with a sword. That’s the only choice we have left...”(Chris)

“Y- you people...”(Miranda)

It’s protected by hard skin, but if it’s joints were hard it couldn’t charge.

Both the legs and the neck will probably be soft.

Then there’s no way to take it down but to strike its neck with a sword.

“Well then, I’ll stop it. Go for its neck in the opening.”(Sieg)

“Stop it... Can you do it?”(Chris)

“Yeah. I’m gonna do what Shin did.”(Sieg)

“A method Shin used... Then it should be all right.”(Chris)

“Huh? So easily?”(Miranda)

Siegfried came up with a way of stopping it by watching Shin hunt and Chris decided there was no problem with that.

Even though Miranda saw Shin’s power, she was surprised the approval was given so quickly.

“Idiot! Come here!”(Sieg)

Siegfried released magic again and guided the rhino to a certain distance.

When he saw the rhino begin to charge once more he launched another magic.

A large earth wall appeared in front of the rhino.

“Ther- There’s no way a wall will stop it!”(Miranda)

Miranda raises a sorrowful voice to the fact the stopping method is an earth wall.

“I see. So it’s like that.”(Chris)

“Huh? What do you mean?”(Miranda)

“You’ll understand when you see it. More importantly... Everyone! The rhinoceros will stop soon! Prepare for attack!”(Chris)

A command come from Christina, who believes the rhino will be stopped by that.

She didn’t doubt the words of Christina she admired as a female knight, but she couldn’t believe it.

And then.

“BUMOOOOOO!!”

Rhino’s charge destroys the earth wall with ease.

“Aghhh!”

It was useless after all. Miranda thought so but her eyes opened wide because of what happened after that.

In the first place, what was the earth wall made of?

An earth wall isn’t just created out of nothing..

“A... Hole...”(Miranda)

He collected soil on from the ground to make the wall. Of course, there was no soil remaining from where he gathered it from, leaving a large hole in the ground.

A pitfall concealed behind the earth wall.

The rhino lost his footing and grandly fell into the pit.

“Alright! Now! Go!”(Sieg)

“I’m going! Follow me!”(Chris)

“OOOOOOOOO!!”

Siegfried issued a command to Christina, as a cloud of dust swirled up from when the rhino fell into the pit, who then gave a command to the knights in response.

It’s breathtaking.

Knights activate their jet boots and attack the fallen rhino one after another.

Miranda's figure could also be seen among those knights.

"TAKE THIS!"(Miranda)

She strikes with the full power of her body but, being slightly thinner than the others, it can't penetrate the skin as easily.

"Ugh! It's hard!"(Miranda)

"Move, young lady! Ooooraaaa!"

While Miranda was having difficulties piercing the skin, the knights next to her raised their swords but...

"Shit! It's really hard!"

"If this keeps up it'll get out soon! Quick!"(Chris)

The fallen rhino was raging while surrounded by a large number of knights.

As Christina said, it's likely to get out however, they can barely hit it with it raging like that.

Their foothold shook. Could they really not do anything? Miranda thought of an idea.

"Everyone get away!"(Miranda)

"Hah? What..."

The knights who reacted to Miranda's shout saw...

The figure of Miranda who activated jet boots, soared into the sky and plummeted with her sword pointing downwards.

"UOOOOOO! You're sure reckless!"

"GOOOO"(Miranda)

Miranda thought that she couldn't transmit enough power through her hands so she stood on the sword's hilt and fell onto the rhino's neck from above.

And the sword dug into the rhino's neck which only had small scratches until that point.

"OO! You did it! Young lady!"

“But I haven’t reached it yet... Tch! The sword!”(Miranda)

It digged in yes, but the sword wouldn’t come out.

She tried desperately to pull it out but then remembered something.

“Oh, I can just remove it”(Miranda)

While the sword's blade was stuck in the rhino's neck she removed it which was a feature of the swap sword.

Then, seeing the stuck sword blade, she hit it again..

Miranda put her foot onto the stuck sword blade...

“Miranda, what are...”(Chris)

“Hiyaaa!”(Miranda)

She activated jet boots at full power.

Then the sword cut deeper with the momentum of the jet boots.

“BUMOOOOOOOOO!!”

The rhinoceros was suffering because of the sword stuck deep in his neck.

However you can't cause a fatal injury with a sword smaller than the body.

Nevertheless, an opening was visible.

“It's effective! We'll follow suit!”

The knights that saw that, took flight and struck with swords as they descended.

“Woah! Careful! You grazed me!”

“Sorry! The fine tuning is a bit...”

There was an accident where a knight descended closely where another knight fell but the swords are getting sucked into the neck of the demon that was once overwhelmingly strong.

While the knights pierced with swords and left the blades, Miranda, who stabbed first, descend from the sky once again.

“GOOO!”

Burying the sword in the neck, remove the handle and let it dig in using jet boots.

There was already a number of swords stuck in the rhinoceros demon and he had trouble breathing until he gave one final convulsion and turned silent.

“Oh...?”

“How is it?”

A voice could be heard from the knights above, informing those below them.

“The disaster class is down! Subjugation complete!”

A knight inspected the demon and confirmed it was slain.

[OOOOOOOOO!!]

The excited soldiers raised a loud victory shout to the subjugation of the disaster class.

“Halt your celebration! There are still remaining demons!”(Dominic)

[OOOOOOOOO!!]

Dominic rebuked the soldiers who were in high spirits, but the morale boosted troops rushed to sweep away the remaining demons.

“You don’t have to go. You can rest a little.”(Dominic)

“C-Commander Dominic!? B-But...”(Miranda)

Dominic stopped the wobbling Miranda that went after the remaining demons.

Miranda is surprised the top person in the Earlshyde army started talking to her.

But everyone else went to suppress the demons and only she was told to stay and rest, so she headed off despite her staggering self.

“Please rest well. Aren’t you still a student? And you subjugated the disaster class, shouldn’t you take it easy?”(Dominic)

It was the second time she had seen a disaster class.

However, unlike the joint training where Shin overwhelmed them by himself,

she had to participate in the subjugation this time.

The mental fatigue is stronger than the physical one.

“In any case, well done. Wonderful.”(Dominic)

“O-oh, thank you!”(Miranda)

Miranda is excited to receive encouragement from Dominic.

“Falling from the sky... Quick thinking to come up with that.”(Dominic)

“Oh, that, Maria...”(Miranda)

“Maria?”(Dominic)

“Commander. She’s a friend from the Ultimate Magicians, Maria von Messina.”(Miranda)

“What!? Was that so!”(Dominic)

Miranda tensed up to Dominic’s sudden outburst at the mention of a familiar name Christina worked hard.

“That... After purchasing jet boots, I worked with Maria hunting demons part time as exercise. Because my own allowance wasn’t enough I borrowed some money from Maria...”(Miranda)

As a student, she’s doesn’t have a salary so her only income is an allowance from her parents.

However she doesn’t receive enough to buy magical tools such as jet boots and swords.

So during summer break, she hunted a large number of demons working part time and even borrowed some money from Maria who is rather well off in order to pay for the new equipment.

“But that’s dangerous. Students working part time to hunt demons.”(Dominic)

“Because Maria was there. That girl... Recently, she said she was bored of hunting all the disaster classes...”(Miranda)

“...she hunted enough, to grow tired of hunting disaster classes...”(Dominic)

Dominic’s worries are justified, but she’s accompanied by someone powerful

enough to take down a disaster class by herself. His worries were for naught.

“At that time Maria did something she called a [jump stab]. Apparently she saw Walford do it... It only suddenly occurred to me to use the jet boots to deliver a finishing blow.”(Miranda)

“Walford thought of that at first... Did he? I’m convinced by that alone.”(Dominic)

“Don’t worry Commander. Me too.”(Christina)

“I get it too. My pitfall was also originally his idea. Just what is going on in that head of his?”(Sieg)

Miranda remembered that Maria was only imitating what Shin did.

As Siegfried said as he came up to Miranda, he imitated the pitfall from when he went hunting with Shin.

How many layers are there to Shin?

Miranda once again realised the greatness of Shin.

“Anyways, that strategy was effective. You did really well. Leave the rest to the knights and take a break.”(Dominic)

“T-thank you very much.”(Miranda)

Saying that, Dominic went back to take command.

The moment the top military commander left, all the tension left Miranda and her legs gave out.

“Whoa, are you alright?”

Siegfried caught Miranda and stopped her fall.

“Ye-Yesh! I’ll be fhine!”(Miranda)

“You’re stumbling... I’ll take you to headquarters.”(Siegfried)

“H-Hue!?”(Miranda)

Sieg suddenly held Miranda so she magnificently panicked and bit her tongue.

From that, he judged that she couldn’t speak clearly from fatigue and picked her up.

A princess carry on a battlefield.

“Mr. Siegfried! um, um!”(Miranda)

“I must thank a hard worker.”(Siegfried)

“Kyaaa!”(Miranda)

She’s struggling with embarrassment of being princess carried in front of everyone, but Siegfried wouldn’t let her down.

“Sieg, are you trying to skip on work?”(Chris)

“Shut up! Same goes for you, dumping all the student on me! Why don’t you do some work for once!”(Sieg)

“Mu... It can’t be helped.”(Chris)

“Why, Christina!”(Miranda)

Miranda, who thought Christina would stop Siegfried, let out a voice of despair.

“Are you ok Miranda? You’re more exhausted than you think. You subjugated the disaster class and are feeling uplifted so you want to join the battlefield, but please rest for today. Sieg, I’ll leave it to you.”(Chris)

“I understood even if you didn’t say that.”(Sieg)

“Huh? It-It’s not like that!”

She was misunderstood that she wants to go to the battlefield so Christina kindly cautioned her.

Moreover, the way Christina said it makes it sound like Sieg would bring her away as is.

Eventually, she was carried over to the headquarters.

Because she was princess carried by the person she admired she had no reason not to be happy but she wished he considered the place.

On the way, she was praised by various people who told her she did well, but she wished if only they wouldn’t approach her today..

“Well then Miranda, are you resting properly?”(Sieg)

“Fuh, Fuaa...”(Miranda)

By the time they reached the emergency hospital in the headquarters, her head was completely boiling and she couldn't answer Sieg.

However, as time passed, she gradually calmed down and a certain question came to her mind.

When she was repaying her debt to Maria, she went demon hunting regularly afterwards but a disaster class had never appeared.

As soon as they entered the demon territory, an animal that was previously thought to be unable to turn into a demon appeared as a disaster class.

Was it a coincidence?

Since she was told to rest beforehand, she was unable move her body.

Even while moving her body, the sudden anxiety welling up still couldn't be dispelled, the sense of unease which attacked Miranda only grew.